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ONLY THE MINT CAN MAKE MONEY WITHOUT ADVERTISING AND YOU ARE NOT THE MINT



The P. C. Editor Says:

The Hatch bill will cut very little ice in keeping WPA employees from attending public political meetings and expressing their wishes as to what candidate to support in the 1940 election, unless a threat is made to separate every one from the payroll unless they vote as some new political leader gives orders. This used to be a free country but it now seems that it is free if you support my candidates.

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The Ninth Annual Garden Pilgrimage at Natchez, Miss., begins March 2 through March 23, at which time the noted homes of the Old South will be thrown open to visitors. Beautiful gardens with colorful azealeas, gardenias, magnolias, surround these wonderful homes. We hope many from Sikeston will visit Natchez this March and we feel certain they will never forget the visit. The ladies and Misses in their hoop skirt dresses will be present to welcome you to the homes and the gardens. For particulars write the Pilgrimage Garden Club at Natchez and they will send you printed material and scenes to be visited.

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In order to let prospective State candidates know where The Standard editor stands on candidates for state officials in 1940 we hereby declare ourself for Bennett Clark for anything he wants at any time and for his independence in action in the United States Senate. If alive for the primary we intend to vote for Harry Truman for United States Senator as he has made just such an officer as did our beloved Senator Francis Marion Cockrell. For Secretary of State and State Auditor we shall vote for Dwight H. Brown and Forrest Smith, both of whom have made good records and both of whom have been blacklisted from a certain siate. For State Treasurer, Wilson Bell will receive our vote as he has been a working Democrat is a Southeast Missourian, a newspaper publisher and says he needs the job. This declaration doesn't mean that we are against any other candidate as we will introduce other candidates, Democrats or Republicans, who call at this office if they so desire, and do it with pleasure.

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We believe some Federal official such as United States Marshall or his deputy should attend the mass meeting to be held at Bell City this Tuesday night and warn those who are threatening to run the negroes from that section, that they had better go slow about such tactics or they may land in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. We believe these law abiding negro farmers should be protected in their rights.

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It has been suggested that these Charleston boys who are implicated in the burglaries in that city and Sikeston, be put on display in both cities in order that citizens may be made familiar with their faces. This in order if they are paroled when tried they may be shot if caught loitering about one's home.

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The booing of Judge Henson the other night at Springfield, when he pinch hitted for Governor Stark, was not very nice as Judge Henson is a mighty fine gentleman, as good a Democrat as any who did the booing, and it was disrespectful to the Governor. It was very different at the second Jackson Day dinner and the Governor handled the matter in a mighty nice manner.

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A New Madrid County gentleman was a Standard visitor Friday and in the conversation stated that he never expected to live long enough to hear of a New Madrid Hunter sitting in a meeting with a negro on equality terms, but reports from St. Louis had shown him different as Whitfield, the negro organizer had been reported as sitting in with white folks on equal terms.

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We have a lot of weaknesses but the bridge playing weakness is not one of them. That seems to be the weakness of the feminine sex. Now if it was a weakness for the feminine sex we might plead guilty. Friday we heard a mother say her daughter was to teach some young women to play bridge and we suggested she had better hold a bible class, she gave us the horse laugh, if you know what we mean.

Cotton Club's 16 Tourist Cabins Burn

Flames Early Sunday Drive Out 30 Guests and Cause $9000 Loss

Flames fanned by a strong northwest wind early Sunday destroyed 16 tourist cabins and menaced the Cotton Club at the south edge of the city, driving out 30 guests into the cold and causing a loss estimated at $9000.

Paul Jones, Jr., son of the owner, said Monday the fire is believed to have started from wiring at the furnace room, in the center of the row of cabins, which were all built in one long unit. A section used as a laundry at the south end also burned.

The blaze traveled so rapidly that many occupants saved only a small part of their apparel. Only three beds, three mattresses and two dressers were removed.

When the fire was discovered, the furnace room was in flames. The city fire department was called, but could only concentrate on saving the club building. The wind, however, was favorable in keeping flames in the opposite direction from the larger structure. In 45 minutes the cabins were completely destroyed.

Clothing and belongings of Roscoe Weltecke, who lived in one of the cabins, was destroyed. Mr. Weltecke was in St. Louis at the time.

Mr. Jones placed the loss at $6000 on the buildings, which were insured for $1500, and about $3000 on the contents. The cabins were very well furnished.

Freda Lankford Announces Coming Wedding

Announcement was made Friday night of the approaching marriage of Miss Freda Lankford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lankford, to Lewis Conley, son of Mrs. John Carraway, which will take place on Sunday, February 4.

The announcement was made at a dinner party given at Miss Lankford's home at 6:30 Friday evening. A pink and white color motif was used in the table decorations. A bowl of pink roses, in the midst of which was set a tiny altar bearing a miniature bride and groom, served as the center piece, and small, pink, rose-trimmed baskets filled with white mints were the favors. The announcement was written on small slips of paper coiled inside of pink rosebuds, which formed the place cards.

Miss Lankford and Mr. Conley will be married at the First Baptist Church at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, February 4, and the Rev. Mr. V. F. Oglesby of Decatur, Ill., formerly of Sikeston, will read the marrigae vows. Miss Lankford will be attended by Miss Helen Johnson as maid of honor and Mrs. Paul Higgins, also of Decatur, and Miss Vernetta Smith as bridesmaids. Her sister, Mary Ann, and cousin, Bobby Ann Purvis of Blytheville, Ark., will light the candles preceeding the ceremony. Andrew Cutrell will serve Mr. Conley as best man, and Paul Higgins and Walter Lankford will be ushers.

Guests at the dinner party were Misses Helen Johnson, Bonita Hedden, Magdalene Moser, Lillian Belle Taylor, Neva Mae Taylor, and Vernetta Smith, and Mrs. Anderson Hayden of Cape Girardeau.

ED LEECH ON CHAMP ELEVEN AT CENTRAL

Edgar Leech, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Leech, formerly of Sikeston, is one of the nine members of the champion Southeast intramural football teams at Central College, Fayette. The nine boys were awarded gold medals during the chapel program on last Thursday morning. This is the first year that the champion intramural football team has been presented with awards. The football players are divided into teams according to the section of the state in which they live. The Southeast team has been defeated only once this season. Leech is a freshman at Central this year.

Wild Gas Truck Takes Right-of-Way Until--

An oil truck driver from Campbell went on a rampage down Highway 60 Monday afternoon and landed in the Stoddard County jail at Bloomfield, but only after he had accomplished these results:

Several cars barely missed a collision with the truck.

A State Patrol car was forced into a ditch to avoid a crash.

Sgt. Melvin Dace was compelled to commandeer a car to give chase.

The truck driver, Homer Launius, 45, ran off the highway near Gray Ridge, overturned his truck and was hurt.

The exciting moments began at Buffington, where Sgt. Dace was taking measurements at the scene of a fatal accident earlier in the day, when 6-year-old Charles Eaton was struck and killed by a car.

Launius' truck roared past about 60 miles an hour, going west through the dense fog, and almost hit several persons. Sgt. Dace gave chase in his patrol car. East of Gray Ridge the truck careened and nearly hit a bridge abutment. Two cars coming east, in dodging him, compelled the trooper to take to the ditch.

Along came Ed Constant of Sikeston and his brother from Kennett, in a 1936 Dodge. They turned the car over to the patrolman and the chase began anew. A short distance past Gray Ridge, Launius could hold the road no longer. His truck ran through a fence and overturned in a field, tearing off the cab and spilling the gasoline cargo. He suffered a deep gash on the forehead and possible internal injuries.

Launius, who works for a Campbell oil firm, told the trooper he had been making collections and at each place was offered a strong drink. After treatment by Dr. John Hux at Essex, he was lodged in jail on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

The patrol car was not damaged.

C. E. Robbs Died Friday

Prominent Farmer of New Madrid County Passes at Memphis

Charles Edgar Robbs, 51, prominent New Madrid County farmer, died at 1:15 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Mr. Robbs had been ill about a week of pneumonia and in intestinal disorder.

Widely known as the farmer of nearly 800 acres of land in the La Forge vicinity, Mr. Robbs also was a mule dealer. He owned the large mule barn by Highway 61 at Kewanee lane.

He was a resident of New Madrid County for 25 years and was born March 24, 1888, at Galconda, Ill.

Mr. Robbs leaves his wife, Mrs. Mamie Robbs; two children, Van Robbs and Mrs. Vera Hawkins of La Forge; his mother, Mrs. Sarah Robbs of Harrisburg, Ill.; four sisters, Mrs. Roy Conley of Sikeston, Mrs. Roy Taylor of Chaffee, Mrs. Roy McDonald of Paducah, Ky., and Mrs. Lois Cletcher of Harrisburg, Ill., and a brother, A. L. Robbs of Robbs, Ill.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Matthews High School gymnasium, Rev. A. W. Adkins officiating, and interment with Welsh service was in Memorial Park.

Rites for Boy Killed by Auto

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the residence in Buffington for Charles Franklin Eaton, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eaton, victim of an automobile accident Thursday noon at Buffington.

The child was crossing Highway 60 at Buffington and was struck by a car. Acting Stoddard County Coroner Bus Hearne exonerated the driver, Henry Bushyhead, St. Louis salesman.

Rites were conducted by Rev. A. C. Sullivan of Morehouse and burial with Albritton service was in Idalia Cemetery.

The Eatons have two other children, Roy, 2, and Lillian, 11.

Ray Wedel Weds Kentucky Girl

Miss Erma Eatherly, daughter of L. C. Eatherly of Marion, Ky., and Ray Boyle Wedel were quietly married Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church, Rev. John L. Taylor, pastor, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Myers were witnesses.

Mr. Wedel, who is assistant maintance clerk at the State Highway office in this city, and bride are residing temporarily at 311 West Gladys Street.

Fog Causes Four Wrecks

Fourth Reported Is Between Two Large Trucks Below City

Heavy fog was blamed for an accident involving two trailer trucks Thursday afternoon 13 miles South of town, the fourth fog mishap reported to the State Patrol here.

Linard Margrum, Portageville, driving northward in a Chevrolet truck, told Trooper V. P. Boisaubin he applied his brakes suddenly to avoid hitting a car passing another truck on the left, coming the opposite direction. His truck jackknifed across the highway, causing the second truck to sideswipe his.

The other truck, an International driven by George Cowgill of Memphis for the Gordon Line, ran into a ditch.

Margrum received cuts on the face. His truck is owned by Roy Hall of Memphis.

It was the fourth crash Thursday laid to the fog that cut visibility to a few feet. Woodrow Foster, 17, Miner Switch farmer, was hurt when his car crashed into a Missouri Pacific bus as he was going around another car. Charles Eaton, 6, was killed when struck by an automobile at Buffington. Homer Launius, Campbell, wrecked his gasoline struck near Gray Ridge while being pursued by the State Patrol, after he had narrowly missed several crashes in the fog blanket.

Car Hits Rear of Truck, Demolished

A 1936 Chevrolet coach driven by Omar Comstock, proprietor of the Comstock Shell service station across from the Highway Dept. office building, was virtually demolished when it ran into the rear of a tractor to a trailer truck at 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning, on Highway 60 at the foot of the sand hill east of the city. Mr. Comstock suffered a severe gash on the forehead and was knocked unconscious for a short time.

State Trooper V. P. Boisaubin was told by the truck driver, Pete Daugherty, employe of the Local System, that he had stopped on the highway preparing to make a left turn, waiting for Mr. Comstock to come around him. The car driver, however, could not do so because another automobile was coming from the opposite direction.

Neither Mr. Daugherty nor a male companion was hurt, and his car was only slightly damaged.

STINNETT DAUGHTER DIES AT MOREHOUSE

Sandra Sue Stinnett, 17-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Stinnett of Morehouse, died Sunday noon of a gland ailment. Services were held Monday afternoon at the family residence, Rev. Harold Ray officiating, and interment with Albritton service was in Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Besides the parents, the child is survived by a brother, James, 3.

51 Battlers Signed for Gloves Bouts

More Expected by Time Fights Begin Wednesday at Armory

The first two-day elimination bouts of the Golden Gloves begin at the armory here Wednesday, when the Junior Chamber of Commerce will start the prize fights to determine who in this area will become district champions.

Attired in snappy trunks, the Glovers will begin the climb up the ladder of fame Wednesday and Thursday nights, Jan. 17 and 18, and will wind up Jan. 24 and 25.

LIST GROWS BIG

By the end of last week William E. "Peg" Mahew, registrar of athletes, had 51 men definitely slated to fight and more in prospect. Twenty-four in one group will come from the negro CCC camp near Poplar Bluff, the commander, Capt. McNamara, told Frank Miller, general chairman.

Twenty of the contestants are Sikeston and Kewanee residents who have been training under Lynn Twitty at the armory. So plenty of local color is assured.

Four men are expected from Morehouse, and Benton, Dexter, Bloomfield, Lilbourn, East Prairie and other towns have boxers listed.

Mr. Mahew said he would be able to register any fighter up to 6:45 p. m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, but not later.

Fistic ability unlimited is expected in these amateur fights. For instance:

SOME FIRST-RATERS

There is Pete Salano, local Mexican who went to the Golden Gloves semi-finals last year at San Antonio, Tex., in the 140-pound class.

Harold Taylor, 155 pounds, Sikeston High School contribution who won his tuneup contest Thursday, flooring his opponent twice for a nine count.

Charles Turner, 165-pound local negro, winner of a technical kayo in the first round Wednesday and a hard scrapper.

Marion Billington, 195 pounds, a sure-fire heavyweight contender. Formerly of Kewanee, he now lives here.

Johnny Mack Self, Kewanee middleweight, who also won Thursday when the referee stopped the fight.

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Miss Blair Law, Jackson Hames Wed Saturday

The marriage of Miss Blair Law, librarian of the Sikeston Public Library, and Jackson Hames, Jr., was solemnized at 7 o'clock Saturday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Baasch, 924 North Ranney, by the Rev. L. Taylor of the Methodist Church, before a small group of friends.

It was a single ring ceremony, without attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Hames spent the week end in Paducah, Ky. They will make their home at the residence of W. H. Keller, 273 North Ranney.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Nita B. Law of Washington, Ia., where she completed high school. She was graduated from the University of Minnesota Library School. Since Jan. 1, 1939, when the new city Library was opened, she has been librarian, coming from Cape Girardeau, where she was assistant librarian of the Teachers College library. Mrs. Hames will continue in her position here. The past Friday the Library Board raised her salary from $80 to $100 a month, in accordance with a previous agreement and as a token to her services.

Hames, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Hames, Sr., of Paducah, was graduated from High School there and attended Murray Teachers College. He is employed at the Motor Machine Shop here.

DISCUSSING THE SITUATION



The "Big Three" shown above were brought together in St. Louis in order to save Southeast Missouri from herself. In case you do not recognize the smiling trio we will say reading from the left is Governor Stark of Missouri, Owen H. Whitfield, the negro leader of the roadside campers last season and who left this section between sundown and sunup, and R. W. Hudgens, an assistant and farm security administrator. This picture was printed in the Poplar Bluff American Republic and the Sikeston Herald from which paper we borrowed the cut. Whitfield stated he was sent into Southeast Missouri to see landlords and keep them from setting the tenants out on the roadside. Whitfield should attend the mass meeting to be held at Bell City this Tuesday night and use his influence to keep the white folks from running the black folks out of that section.

Dowling Captured and Baker Identifies Him

Louis Lee Baker, negro witness in a bombing case, at St. Louis police headquarters Sunday positively identified Elmer Dowling as one of the pair who kidnaped him near Sikeston and murderously attacked him near St. Louis 14 months ago.

Dowling, exconvict and one-time official in a bartenders' union, was identified in a photograph by Baker shortly after the negro was shot and left for dead. Sought since that time, the suspect was captured in a restaurant Saturday in North St. Louis after an anonymous tip by telephone.

BAKER POSITIVE

"You is the man who tried to put the last bullet into me," the negro witness cried, pointing at Dowling. The prisoner broke out in a cold sweat. "You is the man who bought me whisky and cigarets," Baker continued.

Dowling is booked on a charge of felonious assault. It was learned he tried two months ago to strike a bargain with the St. Louis prosecutor to surrender in exchange for a light sentence.

Another man, Arthur Salveggi, was brought last month from California, where he was captured in a bank robbery, to St. Louis after Baker had identified him as the second of his assailants. Detectives brought Salveggi to Sikeston Dec. 5 to have several people look at him in hope that they too might identify him. The officers did not disclose if he was identified. Salveggi is at liberty on bond.

SHOT BY PAIR

For protection, Baker was working at the Trailback plantation, southwest of Morehouse, awaiting the trial of Isadore Londe in St. Louis, of which the negro was a star witness. Only four St. Louis authorities were supposed to know where Baker was hiding, but two men, posing as detectives, drove to the plantation on Nov. 18, 1938, saying they were ready to take Baker back for trial. Near St. Louis, they forced the negro into a deserted building, shot him twice through the head and left him for dead.

Baker recovered, although he suffered the loss of an eye, and his testimony convicted Londe of bombing at St. Louis cleaning establishment. Londe is serving 25 years in the state penitentiary.

Plan Hoop Homecoming

Athletic Alumni to Be Guests of School at Cage Game Feb. 9.

Athletic alumni of Sikeston High School, who enjoyed a football game last fall as guests of the "S" Club, will have the same privilege during the current basketball season.

Venson "Sheik" Jones, president of the club, said Monday all graduates of the High School who have won a letter in any sport will be admitted free to the basketball game here Feb. 9 with Charleston. It will be known as a homecoming basketball game.

Former athletes of the school may secure free tickets by registering at the Bijou, Bowman's Drug Store, City Drug Store, Heisserer Drug Store and Malone Drug Store.

Plans may be worked out to have the guests sit in a special section of the gymnasium.

Cairo Oil Mill Strike Settled

Cairo, Ill., January 13.—Settlement of strikes in two cotton oil mills was announced here today by T. N. Taylor, St. Louis, representative of the American Federation of Labor.

He said several members of the Cotton Oil Mill Workers' Union had reported for work at the Roberts Cotton Oil Company mill and the Cairo Meal and Cake Company mill.

Unofficial reports said the agreement, reached after the strikes had been in progress eight weeks, provided recognition of the union but allowed no wage increase or closed shops.

POLICE COURT

Med Hughes of this city, arrested by Patrolman Harold Wallace, fined $8 for drunkenness; J. L. Murphy, arrested by Officer McManus and Nelson, $8 fine for the same charge.

The entrance hole of a wren house should be the size of a 25-cent piece.

Agencies Join In Handling Farm Details

FSA Will Use Data of Job Offices; Owners Queried on Idle Acres

Machinery to bring about readjustment in the rural labor surplus in Southeast Missouri continues to function.

Officials of the Farm Security Administration, State Employment Service and members of the governor's committee gathered Friday night at the local employment office to discuss methods of co-ordinating the FSA and Employment Service's activities in the program.

The Employment Office this Monday opened branch offices in five Southeast Missouri counties to register tenants, sharecroppers and farm laborers without land to work.

The offices Monday also began issuing 12,000 questionnaires to landowners in the cotton counties, according to Carl Wedeking, district employment director.

AGENCIES COMPARE DATA

Through the registration, which already has been started at Sikeston's district employment, the FSA may aid applicants to obtain rehabilitation plots, it was decided at the meeting Friday night. Applications taken by the employment office will be scrutinized by the FSA, which may be able to supply land for the families to become self-supporting, Mr. Wedeking said.

To date, 45 families, from Scott County mostly, had registered at the Sikeston office.

The questionnaires issued Monday inquire if landowners need sharecroppers or tenants, the number desired, land available for garden plots, and inquired if any cut-over or lay-out land existed on the farm. The latter information will be relayed to the FSA, which is placing families on these idle tracts.

BRANCH OFFICES

In charge of the branch office, beginning Monday, are: Mississippi County, R. B. Deschner, Charleston courthouse; New Madrid County, Paul Trotter, New Madrid city hall; Stoddard County, G. B. Pearson, Dexter city hall; Pemiscot, Hilary Lee, Caruthersville city hall; Dunklin, Frank

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Chicks Defeat Poplar Bluff Quintet, 35-27

Brown Jewell's Chicks stopped the Poplar Bluff independents there Sunday, 35-27, leading from the beginning for the first victory of a Sikeston independent team over Poplar Bluff in several years. Period scores were 3-2 for the first! 13-9 at the half, and 24-13 for the third. Team scoring:

Sikeston: Tope 7, Long 3, Eaton 5, Davis 2, forwards; O. Malone 0, Billington 5, centers; G. Malone 6, Swaim 3, J. B. Michael 1, E. Michael 2. Aldridge 1, guards.

Poplar Bluff: Knickles 0, Flannery 9, Hogg 2, Godwin 0, forwards; Hanna 1, Gray 2, centers; Greer 5, Boeving 4, Blanks 0, Gardner 4, guards.

Poplar Bluff lost to the Bloomfield Bears, 45-24, the team that beat Sikeston at the start of the season, 114-11. Coach Jewell had added to his team since then and believes he can give the Bears a run for their money.

The local men and the Diehlstadt girl Chicks play a doubleheader at Caruthersville Thursday night, against teams the two Chicks quintets beat once before.

Judge Jewell said he had asked permission of the School Board to use the local gymnasium for a series o fWednesday night games, paying $10 per night for the court.

J. A. Neal, Farmer At Matthews, Dies

John Allen Neal, 48, who farmed two miles west of Matthews, died Thursday at St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau, of a kidney disease. He suffered a protracted illness that was critical the past week.

Mr. Neal came to the Matthews community a year ago from Alva, Miss., where he was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mandy Neal; three children, Mrs. Vivian Clayton, Mrs. Louise Kelso and A. J. Neal, all of Matthews; a brother, McCune Neal, of Alva, Miss., and two sisters, Mrs. Layetta Carr and Mrs. Sally Cannon, both of Cody, Miss.

Services were held Saturday afternoon at the Methodist Church at Matthews, Rev. D. M. Margraves officiating, and interment with Albritton service was at Memorial Park.

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Prosperity Notes

(Compiled by Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State.)

The national income for 1939 has been estimated by Secretary of Commerce Hopkins at $68,500,000,000, as compared with $64,000,000,000 in 1938, a gain of 4½ billion dollars.

Retail merchants of the United States have just enjoyed the best holiday trade in 10 years, the aggregate being approximately 10 per cent over 1938. The Yuletide business in the Nation is reported to have totaled 39 billions of dollars.

The holiday season became the merrier for approximately 50,000 New England textile workers by the news that beginning February 5 their pay would be increased from 7 to 10 per cent. The raise will add thousands of dollars to their income.

The prospects for American business in 1940 are bright, it is generally agreed by editors of trade publications throughout the country, spokesmen for the industries and professions their journals represent. The notable advance in many fields during the last few months of 1939 may be halted temporarily, according to some of the editors, but the upturn is expected to be resumed. Times are better and will continue to improve, they assert.

Heavy industry, backbone of the 1939 business advance, enters the new year with a large reserve of unfilled orders, business analysts report. Some estimate the backlog of machine and equipment makers is the greatest since 1930 or 1929, and the reserve is expected to keep employment in the heavy industries at relatively high level for months to come.

The Automobile Manufacturers Association reports November retail sales of passenger cars amounted to 257,336, compared with 236,584 in October and 241,009 in November of 1938. For II months or 1939, retail sales of passenger cars totaled 2,449,423, compared with 1,715,727 in the like months of 1938.

Electric power output, at record levels for the last few months, mounted to an all-time high during the week ending December 16, the Edison Electric Institute reports. The latest total of 2,604,558,000 kilowatt hours was 11.6 per cent above the figure for the comparable 1938 week.

Engineering construction awards during the week ending December 21 totaled $47,702,000, an increase of 19 per cent over the total for the previous week.

Business failures for the week ending December 21 totaled 200, Dun & Bradstreet reports. The number is 12.7 per cent below the 229 in the comparative period a year ago.

The United States Department of Commerce estimates that American wholesalers sold $20,700,000,000 worth of goods and services during 1939, bettering last year's business by 8.8 per cent.

The net profit of 399 large industrial and mercantile companies for the first three quarters of 1939 were 71 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1938, according to a report just issued by the National City Bank of New York.

The Association of American railroads reports Class I lines in the United States had a net income of $23,245,000 during the first 10 months of 1939, as compared with a net deficit of $151,390,000 in the same months of last year.

The war in Europe has revived the old slogan of "See America First" and $250,000,000 in tourist dollars will stay in the United States the remainder of this winter. The vast amount is expected to be spent largely in California and Florida resorts.

Freight carloadings declines slightly to 687,265 cars from 688,888. Cotton deliveries dropped further, 178,000 bales being delivered as compared with 214,000 during the Dec. 2 week. Bank debits at $5,391,000.000 were up, while commercial loans fell slightly from $5,882,000,000 to $5,878,000,000.

Continuing and growing evidence of the permanence of the business and industrial recovery which began in the United States several months ago causes the nation to face the new year with confidence. Factories and mills are humming, people are back at work and smiling and the stores are filled with patrons with money to provide the life and happiness which go hand-in-hand with the liberty which is ours.

Less-than-seasonal declines in American industries during December lead the National City Bank to forecast new records in 1940. "Business is heartened to a demonstration that growth still can go on," the letter said. "Unquestionably the problem for 1940 is to maintain and strengthen this renewal of confidence." Penetration of high marks established in 1929 is significant in domestic business, because many had come to feel that 1929 represented an unnatural peak, wholly out of reach or too remote for practical consideration, it adds.

A combination of increased employment, placing more money in the pockets of the average American, and the longer Christmas shopping season which came with President Roosevelt's action in advancing Thanksgiving Day a week is reflected in announcement of the Federal Reserve Board that sales by department stores during the holiday season were well above those of 1938. A spurt of shopping in the last week before Christmas registered a gain of 13 per cent over the same 1938 week. In the four weeks ending December 23, the national average was 5 per cent above the same period in the previous year. Increases for the Missouri metropolitan areas are: Week ending December 23, St. Louis, 14 per cent; Kansas City, 11 per cent. For the four weeks ending on that date: St Louis. 8 per cent; Kansas City, 4 per cent. The St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank declares that holiday trade in the Eighth Federal Reserve District was highest since 1929.

Continuing at a level well above the 1926 normal, the Administrative and Research Corporation's weekly index of business stood at 103.1 on December 30 as the old year passed into history. A year ago it was 89.4.

During the nineteen weeks which ended December 27, banks in 101 leading cities of the United States increased their business loans a total of $557,000,000 over the same period last year.

Predicting that 1,500,000 electric ironers and at least an equal number of electric washing machines will be installed in homes in the United States during the present year, W. Neal Gallagher, president of the Washer and Ironer Manufacturers' Association declares that 15,000,000 washers and 1,*00,000 ironers will be in the use in the United States before the end of 1940.

Great Britain held the Hawaiian islands for a period of five months in 1843.

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Luther Jines to Lyman Jines, lot 5 block 3 Frisco addition Sikeston, $10.

Luther Jines to Mary Jines, lots 6, 7 block 3 Frisco addition Sikeston, $1.—Benton Democrat.

Speculation Is Discouraged

The purchase of a home should be viewed as a long-term investment rather than a speculative venture which may pay quick cash returns, Federal Housing Administration officials say.

If such an attitude is taken by the prospective home buyer, fewer disappointments and considerably greater stability in the home-building industry will result.

The buyer who purchases a home purely on speculation is postponing the time when he will get the most out of what usually is the largest single purchase a family makes in a lifetime.

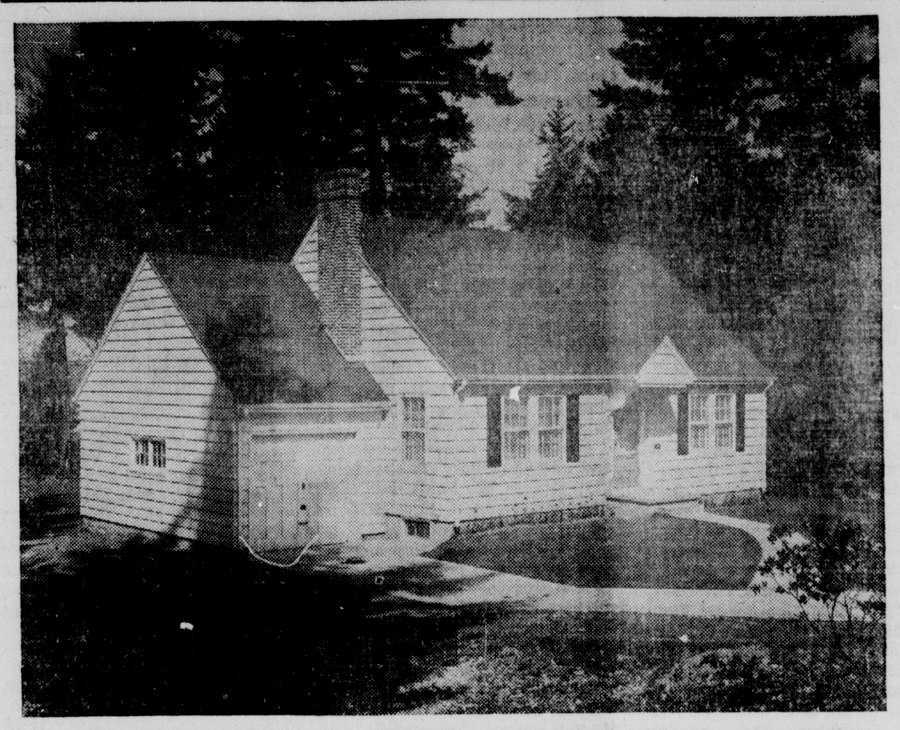
In its home-mortgage insurance operations the Federal Housing Administration discourages home purchases undertaken purely from a speculative standpoint.

WALL FINISH STRENGTH

The best wall finish is no stronger than its base, and the best painting or wall covering applied to poor plaster may result in an unsatisfactory wearing surface, Federal Housing Administration officials say. Therefore, the quality of interior painting, tinting, or wall covering must be carefully considered.

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Sees Need for Revision In Foreclosure Laws

Improvement and standarization of home-mortgage-foreclosure statutes of the various states is the logical next step which must be taken to facilitate low-cost home construction, Federal Housing Administrator Stewart McDonald said recently.

While marked progress has been made in recent years in reducing home-mortgage interest rates, decreasing construction and land-development costs, and organizing the building industry, Mr. McDonald said, little attention has been paid to the savings which could be made if costly and cumbersome mortgage-foreclosure procedures were brought into line with modern needs.

"It apparently is difficult for the public to realize that foreclosure statutes on the books of many states dictate to a considerable extent both the cost of mortgage money to the borrower and the type of home-financing plan used by the lending institutions of that state," Mr. McDonald said.

LENDERS BALK AT COSTS

"It has come to my attention during ecent weeks, for example, that lenders in some states are unwilling, because of extremely high foreclosure costs in relation to down payments, to make loans under the new FHA Title I home-loan insurance plan. This plan permits families with incomes as low as $900 to $1,500 to purchase new homes with down payments as small as 5 per cent of the appraised property value.

"Stringent foreclosure statutes might be justified, of course, if they afforded greater protection to the rights of home owners. Unfortunately, they afford no more protection to worthy borrowers than some of the least costly and most expeditious statutes now in effect.

"Consequently, there is a growing feeling that steps must be taken to provide uniform mortgage laws for all states which will provide maximum protection to worthy borrowers and will at the asme time permit lending institutions to advance funds to pospective home buyers on terms as favorable as those now given citizens of other states."

SIMPLE PLAN NECESSARY

The necessity for simplified and less expensive foreclosure procedures has become increasingly apparent since the passage of amendments to the National Housing Act last year which permitted the insurance of home mortgages, under Title II, representing as much as 90 per cent of the appraised property value.

Where foreclosure costs on a $3,000 property run as high as $350, lenders are less willing to undertake the risk of handling a loan involving a down payment of only $300. In other states where costs of foreclosure are generally less than $100 lenders are in a more favorable position.

Under the new plan of home construction under Title I, lenders often are asked to consider making loans where borrower makes a down payment of $150 or less. Considering that the risk is too great, in view of the unduly high foreclosure expense in relation to the small down payments and slow repayment, lenders in some states have been forced to forego participation in the program and to deny the privileges of the act to their communities.

"The passage by states of the Uniform Real Estate Mortgage Act, prepared by the Central Housing Committee, would seem to be the logical solution to the problem now faced by borrowers, lenders, and the building industry," Mr. McDonald commented.

"This proposed act, if enacted by the states, would tend to standardize the home-mortgage structure still further, to equalize the cost of home-mortgage money, and to give a final impetus to the use of the long-term amortized high-ratio home mortgage."

PRAISE FOR OUR HIGHWAYS

Missouri has even been proud of its splendid highway system and the efficient and economical manner in which it has been operated, especially during the administration now directed by Chairman Claude C. Earp of Nevada. For that reason it is especially pleased because of a tribute paid its highways by Senor Luis Cueva, former chief highway engineer of all Mexcio. While visiting in Jefferson City recently, Senor Cueva said: "I consider that you of Missouri have fine roads—finer, I think, than many other states in the Union." It is a merited tribute of a great highway system of a great state.

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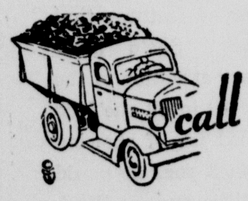
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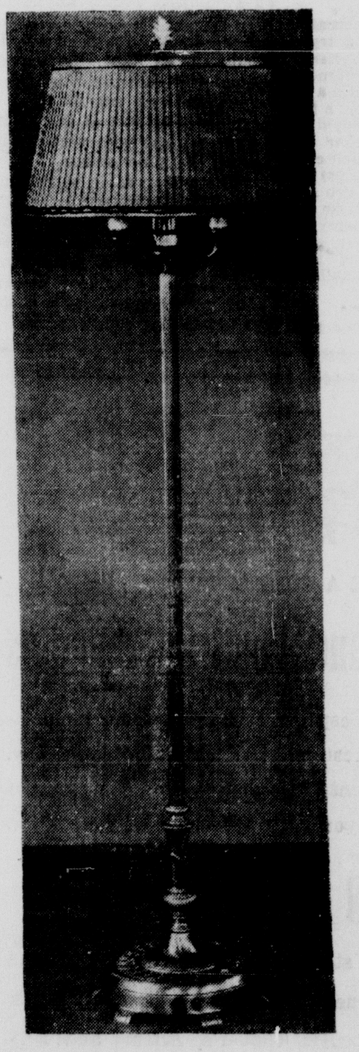
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce Lynn A. Ancell as a candidate for re-election as Assessor for Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

The Sikeston Tractor and Implement Co. are giving a real treat to the public at their plant corner of North Ranney and Mo. Pac. R. R. tomorrow, (Wednesday) when they place on a screen the movie picture "Joel Gentry In Hollywood." First show at 10:00 a. m., second show at 2:00 p. m. and third show at 7:00 p. m. This is all free to those who hold tickets and if you haven't already secured tickets ask for them. This movie show will be in the heated main show room. Don't fail to have the school children attend as it will be an education for them.

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Being lonesome and homesick is one of the worst feelings imaginable. We know for we went more than one thousand miles away from my Father and Mother when we first left home to seek our fortune. If some good woman had married me at that time perhaps we would have sown no wild oats. But that is neither here nor there for when two souls with a single thought fall in love from homesickness and the lack of companionship the best thing to do is to get married for better or for worse. And so it goes.

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A bunch of anarchists calling themselves the "Christian Front" have been raided in New York City and 18 men arrested. Guns, bombs, ammunition of all sizes, were in the haul. This is what comes from letting this sort of scum organize the bund and similar organizations in the United States. All should be sent back to the land from which they came or be sent to the penitentiary for long terms.

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A prominent business man of Sikeston received a letter from a white woman taking the part of Rev. Whitfield, the negro agitator, which made him wonder what the negro had that he didn't have as Whitfield had a white woman with him when he visited Sikeston last week.

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It is with shame and regrets that we, at this time, have just heard of one of our school teachers telling the little fellows in her room there was no such thing as a Santa Claus. One small girl went crying to her home after being told there was no Santa Claus. Old Santa Claus is the sweetest dream in a childs life and they should continue this dream as long as possible. This teacher should be given the air.

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"Aunt Paul," Deering negress and former slave, died at the age of 111 years from grief at the passing of her baby son, aged 80 years.

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MISSOURI MELANGE

The annual exhibit of winter flowers which has proven popular in Sullivan at a Yuletide festivity did not fall below the standard this season, where about 2,000 poinsettias formed the major exhibit. Against a background of spruce bows, the exhibit also included Jerusalem cherries, white stevia, Chinese hybiscus, bougainvillea and camellias.

Attributable to the Christmas spirit, obviously misdirected, La-Plata citizens find prospect of a $25 reward for arrest and conviction of persons who found the city cemetery a supply for their Christmas trees. Shrubs and flowers were purloined by the vandals, and the cemetery association proposes to put a stop to it, hence the reward.

When Wallace Crossley's Warrensburg Star-Journal proposed the adoption of twenty-one needy families there, the response was more than had been expected. Generous citizens promptly adopted the twenty-one families and sixteen other families were added to the list.

Adding to his reputation a varmint exterminator, Otto Winkler of Crystal City collected bounty on the scalp of a forty-pound wolf.

More than one hundred boys from De Soto and vicinity have registered and have been certified for the National Youth Administration by the district supervisor.

Answering the Bible riddle, according to the Osceola Democrat, Charles Cloukey surrenders to the call of prose poetry, to-wit: Before Adam, the whale was made; it swallowed Jonah but he never stayed. So the soul of Jonah was in the midst, but from the Lord could not be hidst. So out came Jonah with his precious soul and the whale still travels from pole to pole. The rest of the riddle is but to confuse with verbose statements, the mind obtuse.

A new fire station at Fairmount was opened January 1, according to the Inter-City News. The operation of a fire department in Fairmount which is unincorporated is made possible by contributions from residents and business houses in the community.

SODA WATER POURED IN VANDERBILT FONT

YOUNG GLORIA MORGAN VANDERBILT, over whom the bitter controversy for custody raged between her mother, Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt, I, and her aunt, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, began her life with typical confusion. She is probably the only child of the Social Set who was christened in soda water.

Second child of Reginald Vanderbilt and only child of the second Mrs. Vanderbilt, little Gloria arrived as an agreeable surprise to her parents. As most of the United States knows, Mr. Vanderbilt had practically no estate left at the time of his second marriage except the trust fund which devolved to his heirs. In "Vital Vanderbilts" in the February issue of Cosmopolitan, Cholly Knickerbocker tells us that no one in the family was happier about the new baby than the butler, Norton. When Bishop Shipman demanded the font at the christening, Norton solemnly poured the bubbly contents of a soda water bottle into a great silver bowl, a horse show trophy.

Present-day Vanderbilts have entirely broken away from the solemn social behaviour of their predecessors. William H. Vanderbilt, first son of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, who died heroically in the Lusitania sinking, is a beloved and democratic Governor of Rhode Island; George, second son, has become a justly famous explorer; Alfred Gwynne Jr., all of the racing world and most of the rest of the world knows as one of



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the most spectacularly successful race track heads in the country, as well as an outstanding sportsman.

Of the other branches, Cornelius Vanderbilt junior has become a lecturer much in demand, after a fling at journalism. The descendants of Willie K., Mr. Knickerbocker tells us, are rather aloof from their cousins. They are: Muriel (Phelps) and Consuelo (Davis) and the two sons of the ill-starred Consuelo who was forced by her mother to marry the Duke of Marlborough, the present Duk of Marlborough and Lord Ivor Charles Spencer-Churchill.

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More Pore Sharecroppers

It is becoming increasingly evident to the right thinking element—with the possible exception of the Post-Dispatch and a few other large city papers—that the "plight of the pore Southeast Missouri sharecroppers" is largely a scarecrow used by unionizers to fatten their own pocketbooks.

We have tried in a small way to find some of the 1000 or 1500 sharecropper families who have been ruthlessly dispossessed, driven from warm shelter, deprived of livelihood, and forced out into snow, sleet and cold. So far our survey has failed miserably. Furthermore, we doubt seriously whether the St. Louis Star-Times or the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, or for that matter Governor Lloyd Stark, could find very many.

We do know that most of the agitation around here is coming through one Rev. Owen H. Whitfield (Negro), who looks fat and well fed, and who apparently is being pretty well cared for in Kirkwood, Mo. It is also generally understood that some of the roadside signs have been posted by someone driving an automobile with a Tenenssee license, and not by some dispossessed sharecroppers.

In our estimation Governor Stark made a serious mistake when he stuck his neck out last Friday when he was photographed in close communion with Whitfield and some FSA official. But that's beside the point.

For the past 40 years it has been customary in this district to issue notices to move, effective January 1. That does not necessarily mean that such families are forced from the premises. For years on end this movement from farm to farm has been going on, quietly, orderly—taken as an accepted fact without fanfare, without publicity. It was taken for granted.

But someone just a bit smarter than the rest saw in this movement a possibility of making a bit of extra change. The said sharecroppers were "organized." A roadside demonstration was staged last year. It is said with some degree of knowledge, that the said demonstration last year resulted in parting Uncle Sam with about $25,000,000 in grant checks, FSA fummadiddles, and what not. The cash consideration was sufficient at any rate to cause the promoters to try the same tactics again this year.

The fact is that sharecroppers, tenants and landowners last year experienced an excellent crop year. They bought more furniture, more clothing, more foodstuffs, more automobiles than for many a year. And yet there is talk of another "demonstration." Somebody is getting "sucked in" to use a common and vulgar expression.

The special writers, feature pluggers and female tear jerkers sent out by the metropolitan press might look into their own back yards and find conditions more deplorable, than any in the cotton country.

And as far as Governor Stark is concerned, we suggest in all humility that he sticks to apples. He may know something about fruit.—Charleston Courier.

This Week in Missouri History

"Minute Men" of 1861

Months before the opening of the Civil war, St. Louis became a hot-bed of Union and pro-Southern sentiment. One enthusiastic band of southern sympathizers met on January 7, 1861, seventy-nine years ago this week, and organized what they called the Minute Men. This small group of about 300 men managed from that time on to keep the "Wide Awakes" and other northern clubs in a constant state of fear. They made the Berthold House, on Fifth and Pine streets, their stronghold, flew a Confederate flag over it, and from there came forth to heckel and even sometimes stone the parading Union men.

The Minute Men immediately began to organize companies of soldiers. They admitted no man who did not believe that the interest, the safety, and the honor of Missouri required that direct attacks be made against the abolitionists. They were also pledged to fight, if need be, "under the flag of Missouri" to defend the State against an invasion by Union forces. They became especially strong in the central and northern parts of the city, where they kept recruiters busy. Each night they paraded, with fife and drums, or with little secrecy drilled their men.

Save for the conservative advice of Governor Jackson, it seems certain that the Minute Men would have seized the St. Louis arsenal, one of the most important strongholds held by the federal government in a slave state. A high stone wall on all but the river front side hemmed in this fifty-six acre tract in the southern part of St. Louis. Within the walls and independent of the workshops were four large buildings which formed a rectangle. Buildings of solid masonry flanked the main arsenal building on their side. Here 60,000 stands of arms were stored, compared with not more than 150,000 in the entire South, as well as 200 barrels of powder, a considerable number of cannon, and other supplies. The subtreasury, also in St. Louis, held only slightly less than $1,000,000 of federal money.

At the time the Minute Men organized and first proposed to move against this post it had practically no protection. Governor Jackson estimated that ten men could capture it. He did not wish to take the initiative in precipitating civil strife, however, and advised waiting. The officers in command at the arsenal sympathized with the South, and evidence shows they were pledged to turn over the arsenal to State forces at the outbreak of hostilities.

By waiting, the Minute Men lost the arsenal. Blair and General Nathaniel Lyon spent sleepless nights guarding, in an extra-legal manner, this important munitions store. They brought pressure to bear on public authorities, moved troops in, and prepared for its defense.

The Minute Men and their young southern leaders continued to recruit, drill, and irritate the enemy. They organized six companies under the command of such men as Basil W. Duke, later famous as a Morgan raider and a brigadier-general in the Confederate army, Colton Greene, O. H. Barritt, J. H. Shackelford and others. Although this group probably never numbered more than 300 men, because of their activity some of the enemy estimated their numbers to be near 1500. They elected J. R. Shaler as their major, and on May 3, 1861, joined the State troops, becoming a part of Col. John S. Bowen's regiment.

When General Nathaniel Lyon captured Camp Jackson on May 12, 1861, he took the Minute Men, together with several other companies of State troops, as his prisoners. In this Union victory the Minute Men lost their identity as an organization. It is believed, however, that practically every member of the band joined the southern army. Some, like Basil W. Duke, became known throughout the North and South as brave, courageous and determined soldiers.

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FOR TREASURER



WILSON BELL

Candidate for State Treasurer is Wilson Bell, Potosi editor, on the Democratic ticket. He served as chairman of the state party's 1938 campaign and has been prominent in Democratic politics for many years.

Agencies Join

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Robertson, Kennett employment office.

At the Friday meeting were Jas. W. Doarn of Jefferson City, state director, and Mr. Wedeking, representing the employment service; Stephen Hughes of Columbia, state director, A. Van Husk from the Inidanapolis regional office, and Carl Ross of this city, district director, representing the FSA; E. P. Coleman of Sikeston and Joe Moore of Charleston, of the governor's committee.

DEATH CLAIMS NIECE OF MRS. J. A. YOUNG

Word was received by Mrs. J. A. Young Monday morning that here niece, Mrs. Ruth Bush Adams, had died at Barnes Hospital. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bush of Bismarck, Mo., who are now in Houston, Texas, where Mrs. Buch is critically ill. Mrs. Adams was nurse at Barnes Hospital.

Funeral services will be held this (Tuesday) afternoon at Bismarck. Surviving are her husband, Frank Adams, her parents, a brother, Ray Bush of Kansas City, Mo., an aunt, Mrs. J. A. Young of Sikeston, and an uncle, Rev. Clarence Burton of De Soto, Mo.

CARD OF THANKS

We extend thanks to the pall bearers, friends, those who sent flowers and anyone who in any way assisted during the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and father.—Mrs. C. E. Robbs and Family.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Rayburn and family visited Mrs. Mae Berhardt in Cape Girardeau Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore spent Sunday in Blytheville, Ark., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houchins.

J. P. Roach, who has been confined to his bed for the past several days, was reported to be convalescing Monday.

The O. E. S. Birthday Club will meet Wednesday for a covered dish luncheon at the home of the club president, Mrs. H. E. Dudley.

Elmos and Orville Taylor left Monday for New Orleans, La., in response to a message that their aunt, Mrs. C. C. Wood was seriously ill.

The condition of Mrs. Mollie Watson, who has been confined to her home for the past several weeks suffering with an attack of gall stones, is reported as unimproved.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ensor, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk were dinner guests Saturday evening, of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chase in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Tidwell returned Sunday evening from St. Louis where they had been at the bedside of Walter Andres, who underwent an operation at Barnes Hospital for brain tumor.

Mrs. C. C. Pinnell and her guest, Mrs. Charles Graham of Bellingham, Wash., accompanied the former's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pinnell Jr. to their home in Paragould, Ark. Sunday afternoon, where they will visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Dill of Carbondale, Ill., spent Thursday night and Friday at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Jack Shuppert, with Mr. Dill's mother, Mrs. A. B. Dill, who is ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Dill is 84 years of age.

Mrs. Ruby Hamby is confined to her home suffering of a back injury which she received last week when she slipped and fell down the steps of a friend's home in East St. Louis, Ill., where she was a guest. Mrs. Hamby has been confined to her home since her return last Friday.

Mrs. C. B. Poage, Mrs. Elmer Poage and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilbur were in Cape Girardeau Monday morning where the ladies visited Mrs. E. W. Davis, who has been a patient in St. Francis Hospital for the past several months. They report her condition as steadily improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Corrigan and son, James, of Poplar Bluff were guests of Mrs. Corrigan's mother, Mrs. Betty Matthews, Sunday. They were accompanied home by Miss Margaret Corrigan, who visited her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Corrigan, last week.

NEW PARTNERS IN FORD AGENCY





Herb Walton and Ralph Williams, proprietors of the Williams Motor Co., successors to Walton-J. Wimmiam Foley in selling Ford automobiles in Sikeston.

Ralph Moody entered Barnes Hospital in St. Louis Saturday morning for treatment and a possible operation. He was accompanied to the hospital by Mrs. Moody, D. H. and Lee Page, who returned home Sunday. Mrs. Moody will return to St. Louis today to visit her husband.

Mrs. C. C. Pinnell entertained at dinner Sunday, honoring Mrs. Charles Graham of Bellingham, Wash.. a niece of Mr. Pinnell, who is a guest in their home. The guests included Mrs. Effie Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Limbaugh, Mrs. Byford Greer and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pinnell Jr. of Paragould, Ark.

When your car is going down a long, steep hill, the best procedure is to shift into low gear, and apply the foot brake as required.

GOVERNOR ISSUES SHEEP SCAB PROCLAMATION

Dr. H. E. Curry, State Veterinarian of the State Department of Agriculture, has certified to all the County Courts of Missouri a proclamation issued by Governor Lloyd C. Stark, immediately putting into effect reasonably yet strict regulations for the movement of sheep in intrastate commerce, because of the growing prevalance of scabies, commonly called "sheep scab." Scott County Extension Agent Leon Lane has received a copy of the proclamation containing the regulations, which may be examined at his office by an citizen of Scott County.

An agreement has been negotiated between Commissioner Mays of the Missouri State Department of Agriculture and Dr. John R. Mohler, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, for Federal State Co-operation sheep scab eradication program; and veterinary inspectors in the Federal service have been assigned to the force of Dr. W. F. Biles, U. S. D. A. Bureau Inspector, to assist in the campaign.

Dr. H. E. Curry, State Veterinarian, in discussing the increasing prevalance of sheep scab in Missouri, says that "Sheep scab is a contagious skin disease caused by small parasites (Psoroptes ovis), commonly known as sheep scab mite. The disease is easily transmitted from an infected animal to another, and spreads very rapidly after the infection is introduced into a flock. When allowed to spread, sheep scab may cause great financial losses."

"Fortunately, we have practical ways and means of controlling and eradicating the disease. Treatment consists of dipping in a lime and sulphur solution or solution of nicotine sulphate. Applications will not be effective, however, unless dipping solutions ae properly made and the animals are properly dipped, preferably under the supervision of an experienced operator."

Arrangements will be made to hold sheep scab meetings in co-operation with the Agricultural Extension Service, Deputy State Veterinarians and U. S. D. A.

Safetygrams

BY FRED W. BRAUN © The Safety Man

Nowhere can we find accurate comprehensive countrywide figures on the relationship of alcohol to traffic accidents. The reasons for that are:

1. One state reports that 18.4 per cent of drivers involved in fatal accidents "had been drinking."

2. Several courts state that their studied opinion shows that liquor was involved in a certain per cent of all traffic accidents.

3. Some courts, in the same states, state that liquor was involved in even a higher per cent of accidents.

Therefore, police estimates, legal definitions, and court interpretations of the terms "intoxication" and "under the influence," are so variable that it is impossible to obtain definite figures.

All of us agree, however, that a man who has had two or three strong drinks certainly cannot have the accuracy and the alert judgment that he would have under normal conditions. We hope the time will soon come when driving after drinking will be placed in the same category as carrying concealed weapons, robbing, and similar infractions of law.

WILBUR ENSOR SUFFERS THROAT INFECTION

Wilbur Ensor of the State Highway Dept. Office was taken to Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau Saturday night, suffering with a strepococcic infection of the throat. He was stricken ill while attending a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Frank Chase in Cape Girardeau. His condition was slightly improved Monday.

Sheepshed Leicestershire, England, claims to be the largest village in England, with its 6000 inhabitants.

51 Battlers

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Eddie Culbertson, Morehouse middleweight, and Alvin Goddard, Essex battler.

FIGHT FOR FUN

Just for the glory that is in it, these men will fight from start to finish, putting out more than the professionals. There are two classes, "novice" for beginners who have never fought in a tourney, and "open" for all others. There can be eight champions in each division. Joe Louis, the world's heavy weight champ, got his start in the Golden Gloves.

The Jaycees have purchased several sets of fancy fighting trunks and other equipment to assure the crowd of all the trimmings.

Referees will be E. G. Buchanan and O. T. Elder.

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#4—Little Flower: On the charming side, this spun rayon dress with a weave all its own. Wine, navy, green, grey. 14 to 44. $7.95

Back of these dresses is a story — a *true* story. Good Housekeeping rang 500 doorbells and found that 350 of the women who answered were unprepared for visitors. Much as they tried they couldn't conceal their embarrassment. On being questioned most of them said they just didn't know what sort of dresses to buy for the thousand and one tasks of a busy day — taking Johnny to school, running over to the butcher's, shopping, entertaining a few of the girls at bridge. So Good Housekeeping decided to do something about it. They went out into the market in quest of just the right dresses for all around the house. These are what they found and what they picture on pages in the January issue of their magazine. And they're all four L'Aiglons! When you see them we're sure you'll agree with their choice.

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Bennett Clark says he is not interested in any political slate in Missouri as he is a Democrat and will support any ticket the voters nominate at the primary. Senator Clark has more political brains in his head than any other politician in the State and has plenty of guts in his body to back it up.

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The operation was a success is the report when doctors removed a walnut size tumor from the brain of Miss Dorothy Goodwin of near Blairstown. Four bible class members stood by to furnish the right type of blood for transfusions but to no availas the patient died.

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We asked Bildad Botts, our eminent research expert, if anything of a definite nature could be traced to New Year watch parties local ministers and their flocks hold as the old year peters out. After looking over 1,000,013 reports from his nation-wide organization the old scientist replied that, while spiritual benefits were next to nil, a lot in the way of material things could be credited to watch night parties. Pressed for particulars, Bildad pointed to a statistic which showed the sale of sixteen tons of headache powders and 113,013 gallons of nerve tonic to brothers and sisters whose systems had been up-set by imbibing too much church coffee, which another statistic proved to be the meanest in the world. A third statistic showed very substantial increases in fuel sales because of that extra operation of church heating plants, with similar benefits to electric light plants and food dispensaries. On the debit side, Old Doc Botts pointed to a statistic which showed the theft of 213 cars from which careless saints had neglected to remove keys, and the destruction by fire of 113 residences whose owners were attending watch night parties. Equally serious was a statistic which revealed that 100,113 family quarrels had been reported by neighbors, quarrels in which the participants were husbands and wives who evidently were feeling pretty mean after losing all that sleep and drinking all that mean coffee. We consider this a very valuable piece of research.—Paris Appeal.

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An invitation has been extended to The Standard editor to bring a party and visit the Colony Club, four miles east of Cape Girardeau, and partake of a steak dinner they are specializing in, and we will do that very thing when the weather settles down to normal. This is said to be the finest club between St. Louis and Memphis. This invitation was extended by the management through R. D. Clayton.

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"Our New Year resolutions are many. We intend to show even more appreciation for those true friends who give us news and news tips; the more grateful than ever to the advertisers who get their copy in early in the week; to try harder to make the paper accurate and entertaining; to endeavor to make every issue one with which we can feel some satisfaction. Probably no one is critical of a newspaper then the men who make it, nor does anyone feel its defects more keenly. Yet the small-town weekly is essentially a community proposition and its newsworthiness depends in no small part upon the cooperation of its readers in helping to get the news to the paper. Even more, its worth to the community depends upon alert and agressive business men—for the character and amount of advertising in its newspaper is a very important index to a town's worth. The merchant who advertises steadily and wisely in an honest effort to increase his sales is not only building himself, but his town and newspaper as well."—Pleasant Hill Timse.

Figures show that, in areas where the population still is in a process of formation, the proportion of sexes has not had time to find its natural level. In Europe, there are more women than men, but in the New World the situation is reversed.

In the New England states, the distinction between huckleberries and blueberries is finely drawn, but in the south and middle west the names are more or less confused by the layman.

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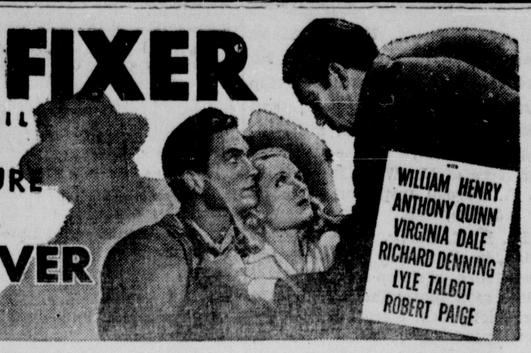
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CHAPTER SEVEN SYNOPSIS:

Following the kidnaping of Enid Casserly, socialite, and her fiance, Bruce Eaton, G-men Hanford, Waring and Britton suspect Steve Eddson, ranking public enemy of the job. Mrs. Thornton Casserly, Enid's mother, has been active in getting him paroled and has hired him as chauffeur. Mrs. Casserly, now aghast at what she has done, has ordered Eddson to take her for a drive while the G-men inspect her garage and Eddson's quarters. They have found mud and a pine needle, and have uncovered as further evidence some telephone numbers, one connecting them with the Owl Hotel and the other with the home of Tyler Craden, Eddson's attorney.

CHAPTER VIII

SPECIAL agents Scott Britton, Frank Preston and Ross Waring visited the Owl Hotel with a search warrant. While Preston "entertained" the fresh clerk, Britton and Waring had a look inside room number forty-two. The first clue was in the form of a bill from an installment plan jewelry company addressed to one Francis O'Donnell.

"Francis O'Donnell!" Britton mused. "Sounds like a phoney."

"Well," replied Waring, "the fingerprints won't be.

He found some. The next evidence they gathered was mud caked on the instep of the right shoe they found in the closet. Then, with their evidence, they returned to the field offices. Stebbins, the technician, disappeared into his laboratory with it. Later, he reported:

"Sample Number One, taken from the brake pedal of Miss Casserly's roadster, matches with Sample Number Three, scraped from O'Donnell's right shoe. There are mica fragments as wel. as small pieces of pine needles in both samples."

He paused.

"Sample Number Two, however, which you say you dug out of the tires on Miss Casserly's car, contains no trace of mica or of pine needles."

Britton snapped his fingers.

"I think I have it! My guess is that Enid Casserly and Bruce Eaton were stopped enroute to the horse show and transferred to another car. This O'Donnell drove her roadster back to the Casserly home."

"I'll string with you on that, Scott," Waring said. He turned to Stebbins. "Where's the exact spot the mica and pine needles came from?" he asked.

"Mica and pine needles mean mountains. The nearest mountains are across the state line."

"Then that gives us jurisdiction in this case." Britton exclaimed. Hanford entered the room.

"I've just had a call from Washington on those fingerprints," he said. "Mr. Francis O'Donnell is better known as Big Boy Bradmore!"

"That's all I want to know!" snapped Britton.

"Here's where we square things for George Mattison!" Waring exclaimed. "We'll go to the Owl Hotel and—"

"You stay away from the Owl Hotel," Hanford interrupted. "I'd like to step over there and take him, too. But we can't make a move now without tipping our hand. We still don't know where those kids are. You fellows better run down to Aunt Lindy's and cool off over a nice hot lunch."

The two men agreed with this wise suggestion. A short time later they entered the cafe. Sitting in a booth were Tyler Craden and his secretary, Collette Menthe. Aunt Lindy was just finishing serving them and moving on to the next table.



"Sample Number One, taken from the brake pedal of Miss Casserly's roadster, matches with Sample Number Three, scraped from O'Donnell's right shoe. There are mica fragments as well as small pieces of pine needles in both samples."

"Why do you insist on eating here all the time?" Miss Menthe asked Craden.

He smiled wisely.

"Our friends of the F.B.I. eat here—"

"It's like putting your neck into the guillotine and daring them to drop the knife, isn't it?"

"It's convenient to enjoy good food and watch the enemy at the same time. I'm smarter than they are. Look—here come Waring and Britton now."

Both G-men spotted Craden and his secretary. Waring indicated to Britton that he should look at Craden's trouser leg. Britton did so. He saw the same thing Waring had seen—a tiny sprig of pine needles on Craden's trousers.

Aunt Lindy came up. Britton motioned her to bend close to him and whispered in her ear. She nodded, disappeared into the kitchen, returned with a pie which she took to Craden. She asked Craden to look at it and decide if he didn't want a slice.

"I'm afraid I can't resist it—I'd better have some—" said Craden.

Aunt Lindy, purposely careless, allowed the pie to slip out of her hand onto Craden's knee. Immediately she dropped to her knees, took her neckerchief, dipped it in water and made repairs, exclaiming:

"Ah's certainly careless! Now, jest yo' sit still an' let me clean this yere up!"

Skillfully she dumped out the dirt in his trouser cuffs, catching whatever fell out in her hand. Then she retreated.

Later that day, Stebbins reported:

"Well, gentlemen, this mud and these pine needles came from the same place as the mud and pine needles you found on Big Boy Bradmore's shoe, according to the Epi polarizer."

"Everything fits," said Waring. Craden was Bradmore's lawyer. He's Eddson's lawyer."

"Yes," agreed Hanford, "we're ready for our first move."

Stiles, Hanford's secretary, entered.

"Mr. Porter, Mrs. Casserly's lawyer, to see you—"

"Send him in."

Porter revealed a carefully protected envelope.

"Here you are, gentlemen," he said. "This arrived at the Casserly estate half an hour ago. I handled it carefully, as you told me."

Hanford took the envelope, opened it gingerly. He read aloud:

"We'll give you three days in which to get one hundred thousand dollars in unmarked ten and twenty dollar bills. When you have the money ready, put an ad in the personal column saying, 'John—everything is okay—Ethel. Then you'll get further instructions."

The note was signed "Monarch."

Waring asked Porter:

"Did you bring Mrs. Casserly's permission to tap her telephone line?"

Porter nodded.

"Preston'll handle that phase of it," Hanford decided. "Meanwhile we have to prepare a second kidnap note of our own, just as we've discussed it. Special delivery and all, including the phoney fingerprint. Let Eddson read the one we make after you've shown him the real one, Mr. Porter."

He gave the lawyer the note.

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Perryville Is 33-10 Victim Of Bulldogs

Displaying consistently good form, Coach Vernon Green's Bulldogs had things pretty much their own way Friday night at Perryville and defeated the Pirates, 33-10, holding the losers to a single field goal the entire evening.

The Growlers thus chalked up their fourth straight victory and made it five out of six for the season.

Not from the beginning were the Sikeston men pressed by the Pirates. They jumped into the lead and held it. Perryville's only action shot, its first score, came late in the first period, which ended, 9-2. At the half it was 18-5, and the three-quarter turn found it 28-7. Eight free tosses kept Perryville from a near-shutout.

Coach Green used 11 men. Swacker, who was guarded pretty closely, registered 10 points for the night's high, although the shooting was well-divided, Lumsden and Lambert gaining three buckets apiece, Simmons two, Bowman a field goal and two free tosses, and Montgomery a basket and a line throw.

Sikeston	FG	FT	PF	TP
Lumsden, f.	3	0	1	6
Diehl, f.	0	0	0	0
Simmons, f.	2	0	3	4
Montgomery, f.	1	1	1	3
D. Waggener, f.	0	0	0	0
Swacker, c.	4	2	1	10
S. Waggener, c.	0	0	0	0
Bowman, g.	1	2	2	4
Rafferty, g.	0	0	0	0
Lambert, g.	3	0	0	6
Engram, g.	0	0	1	0
	14	5	9	33

Perryville	FG	FT	PF	TP
Brinkman, f.	0	2	2	2
Killian, f.	0	1	3	1
Natner, f.	0	0	0	0
Lancaster, c.	0	2	1	2
Yamnatz, c.	0	0	0	0
Weber, f.	0	2	2	2
Blaylock, g.	1	1	1	3
Lemasters, g.	0	0	0	0
	1	8	9	10

Score by periods:

Sikeston	9	9	10	5—33
Perryville	1	4	2	3—10

Referee—Joe McDonnell, Cape Girardeau.

DIEHLSTADT WINS TWO FROM BLODGETT

Diehlstadt High School boys made it nine wins in 10 starts Friday on their home court, defeating Blodgett High School, 22-17. The Diehlstadt girls beat Blodgett, 33-8.

KEWANEE WINS 7TH STRAIGHT CONTEST

Kewanee High School tripped Matthews, 31-27, for its seventh consecutive victory Friday night at Kewanee. Thompson with 11 points led the winners.

CAPE CENTRAL BEATS JACKSON HIGH, 23-14

Cape Girardeau Central defeated Jackson High at Cape Friday ngiht, 23-14, leading at the half, 14-8. Central scoring was spread out, Bud Burns, center, leading with six points.

A cow will eat almost anything. Out in California they are making cull oranges into silage and feeding this to their cows. Out in Washington they feed cull apples to cattle while in the East, some dairymen feed them fish meat and meat scraps for protein.

The Standard $2.00 per year.

Legal Notices!

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Laura Schroff, Administratrix of the estate of J. W. Schroff, deceased, wlil make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administratrix at the term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be holden at Benton in said county, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1940.

LAURA SCHROFF,
Administratrix.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Mary R. Roth, Administratrix of the estate of Florence W. Rodes, deceased, will make final settlement of her accounts with said estate as such Administratrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be holden at Benton in said county, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1940.

MARY R. ROTH,

Novice Bulldogs Conquer Young Pirates, 19-4

Paced by D. B. Waggener, who dropped in seven field goals, the Bulldogs second string defeated the neophyte Perryville team there Friday night, 19-4. The junior Pirates' points were made on two field shots. The half-time count was 9-2.

The Growler "B" team has won all four of its games this year by lopsided score.

Sikeston	FG	FT	PF	TP
Engram, f.	1	0	0	2
D. Waggener, f.	7	0	0	14
S. Waggener, c.	1	1	1	3
Edwards, c.	0	0	0	0
Old, g.	0	0	1	0
Matthews, g.	0	0	1	0
Rafferty, g.	0	0	0	0
	9	1	3	19

Perryville	FG	FT	PF	TP
Guth, f.	0	0	0	0
Fosson, f.	0	0	0	0
Phillips, f.	1	0	0	2
Rhodes, f.	0	0	1	0
Clark, c.	0	0	2	0
Eggers, c.	0	0	0	0
Natner, c.	0	0	0	0
Klump, g.	0	0	0	0
Botorfeder, g.	0	0	0	0
Noenn, g.	1	0	0	0
Luffer, g.	0	0	0	0
	2	0	3	4

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION REPORTED SET FOR MID-JULY

Washington, Jan. 11.—Reports circulated in the Senate today that the Democratic National Committee would set the party's national convention for mid-July in an effort to force the Republican convention into early August.

Republican Chairman Hamilton and several other party leaders have been represented as desiring to hold their convention after the Democrats nominate their candidates and adopt their platform.

This may provoke a split in the Republican National Committee, however, for several Republican leaders expressed the view that their party should pick a convention date without regard to the Democrats.

If the Democrats should agree on a mid-July convention, the Republicans probably would have to decide whether to meet in late June or early August. They will make their decision Feb. 16 at a National Committee meeting, 11 days after the Democrats pick their convention date and place.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ST. LOUIS STAR-TIMES

And when your sins do find you out, they usually find you down as well.

Often it is the case that the nation that holds out an olive branch has something up its sleeve.

We don't believe there are enough pessimists in the country to elect a Republican president.

A man can't win an argument with a woman, but he can break even by listening patiently and not talking.

Ever since we can remember the politicians have been saving the farmers and the country, and just look at 'em!

An American is a queer person who will all but break his fool neck to save ten minutes that he hasn't the slightest use for.

We're still optimistic. We firmly believe the present world-wide confusion is temporary, and that it will soon be followed by permanent chaos.

East Prairie to Invade Growler Court Tuesday

With the best-oiled Bulldog scoring machinery in years, Sikeston engages in a home basketball game here Tuesday night after two road trips, taking on Hugh May's East Prairie Eagles.

The Growlers will be after their fifth triumph in a row and their sixth in seven games.

East Prairie holds victories over Charleston, Randles and Matthews. The team lost to Illmo the past Friday by three points and twice to the powerful Anniston team.

With their conquest over Perryville Friday, the Bulldogs have amassed 219 points in their six games, while their opponents have registered an even 100. This is an average of 36½ points per game for the Growlers, and not quite 17 per contest for the opposition.

The Sikeston "B" team, which has done quite well in its own right, will meet the East Prairie reserves in the first game, beginning at 7 o'clock. The younger Growlers have won every game in four appearances, each by a healthy margin.

JAPANESE WARNING TO FRANCE REPORTED

Shanghai, Jan. 11.—Neutral diplomatic sources said today that Japan had "notified" France to stop sending munitions into China from Indo-China effective January 23.

A Japanese army spokesman, asked of the report, said: "The situation is very delicate. I am unable to deny the report."

French sources declined comment.

China has been receiving munitions from Indo-China over the Tunnan railroad, extending from Haiphong on the Indo-China coast to Yunnanfu, capital of China's southwestern Yunnan, Province. The Yunnan railroad and the new highway from British Burma into Yunnan Province are the only arteries for war materials except as regards Russia.

A Japanese navy communique reported that Japanese airplanes in a fight with forty Chinese planes of Russian make had shot down fourteen Chinese planes and destroyed nine more which were grounded at Kweilin airport, over which the air battle took place.

Missouri Joins "March of Dimes"



WASHINGTON — Citizens of Missouri are enthusiastically behind the March of Dimes drive in the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign, Stewart McDonald, Federal Housing Administrator, (right), tells George E. Allen, Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Allen is Chairman of the "March of Dimes" Committee, which is a division of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, of which Keith Morgan is National Chairman.

Commissioner Allen will be in charge of the "March of Dimes" birthday card feature. These greeting cards distributed throughout this state, will be filled with dimes and mailed to President Roosevelt at the White House before his fifty-eighth birthday on January 30th. In this manner those who contribute will join with the President in the war against this crippling disease.

One-half of the donations received at the White House will be returned to Missouri and the the other one-half will be sent to the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday to be turned over to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Every dime will be accounted for, under the direction of a nationally known firm of auditors.

STIMSON WANTS CONGRESS TO FORBID ARMS TO JAPAN

New York, Jan. 11.—Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of State, proposed yesterday in a letter to the New York Times that Congress prohibit export of arms, munitions or raw materials for arms to Japan.

He urged extension of the "moral embargo," but added he believed legislation was needed to "impress Japan with "the seriousness of the feeling of our people as to this matter."

He contended some merchants in the United States had been aiding Japan by "selling to Japan the ore, steel and scrap iron indispensable for her bombs," while "large oil producers . . . are selling to her the even more indispensable aviation gasoline for her planes."

Traffic authorities estimate that wet roads are two to four times more slippery than dry roads, and snow or ice-covered pavements are five to ten times more slippery than dry roads.

Mariam: 'Mabel says she is wildly in love with her new car."

Doctor: "Just another case where a man is displaced by machinery."

50th District Masons to Meet

The 50th District Masonic Association will hold its annual meeting here Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Methodist Church. The program will be:

Song, "America"; invocation; address of welcome, Roger A. Bailey; response, Rev. R. L. Allen, Bloomfield, district president; vocal selection, Mrs. Honora Bailey Fink; address, Rev. John L. Taylor of Sikeston; round table discussion; roll call of lodges; report of secretary-treasurer; adjournment.

Other district officers are Dr. G. A. Sample of Chaffee, district deputy grand master; Ben Hill of Illmo, vice-president, and L. E. Estes of Essex, secretary-treasurer.

CAVE WON'T RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Columbia, Mo., Jan. 11.—Former State Senator Nick T. Cave, who recently resigned as chairman of the State Social Security Commission, today said he would not seek the Democratic nomination for Governor this year.

Cave said it "did not seem wise" for him to run and that the announcement was made now "so that my friends may be free to support any candidate they desire."

Production of the new British Museum catalog containing 2,000,000 titles, cost approximately $1,000,000.

FOR A JAB IN THE RIBS

Inquisitive Gentleman — "Why do you wear such a big bustle?"

Embarrassed Lady—"Sir, I have no bustle."

"I'm all upset. We had to kill our dog this morning."

"Was he mad?"

"Well, he wasn't any too well pleased."

"My eyes are so tired this evening," said the Sophomore boy.

"They shouldn't be," replied Gertie, "they've been resting on my knees for the past hour."

Sailor (home on leave): "I met my old girl today. Haven't seen her in ten years."

Friend: "Has she kept her girlish figure?"

Sailor: "Kept it? She's doubled it."

The aepyornis, an extinct bird, laid an egg that was equal to a gross of hen's eggs.

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City Collector

Iowa Farm Life Is Backdrop For Novel Reviewed Here

"THREE MILES SQUARE"

by Paul Corey

(The following review was given by Miss Blair Law, Sikeston librarian, last week before the Woman's Club.)

There are, in general, two divergent ideologies available for the writer of the so-called "rural novel" to follow. First, he can follow the dictates of the school of Realism. If he follows the ideology of the Realist he will probably conceive of life on the farm as a tragedy; he will point out every possible discomfort which living on a farm entails; he will show that the lives of farmers, the lives of "all' farmers, are mean, ugly, thwarted; he will show that even Nature herself seems to 'have it in' for her rural children, and, that at every possible opportunity, she, Nature, visits her children with flood, frost, drought, fire, hail, windstorm and all such disasters as any competent insurance salesman could graphically unfold; in the end of the story all the characters will have either escaped to the city, been frustrated, killed off, or crippled (mentally, morally, physically or spiritually). Such is the usual procedure of the Realistic novelist. But if this kind of attitude toward life does not suit the writer of the rural novel he can turn to the school of the Romanticists. If he becomes a Romantic he will probably have much to say about the beauties of Nature; the family life will be compact and well organized and the occasional conflicts within the family will only, in the end, serve to bind them the closer together; for the Romanticist the farm will be the ultimate escape from the futility of city living, the last refuge of the tormented soul; despite the fact that Nature sometimes blows roughly upon her rural children the Romanticist will see to it that all is salvaged in the end, the flood did not sweep the barn entirely away, the rain came just in the nick of time to save the harvest from being completely burned up by the drought; the characters, at the end of the story will have become victors, not victims, of farm life, and they will live out the rest of their lives, like the prince and princess of the fairy story, "happily ever after."

EVERYDAY THEME

But Paul Corey, in "Three Miles Square," has chosen to follow neither the ideology of the Realist nor the idealogy of the Romanticist, but has forged for himself a new kind of school of writing the rural novel. There is no name available for his school but perhaps we can formulate some kind of idea of what it is like if we say that it takes the best from both schools and fuses them together and comes out with something new and quite interesting. For Paul Corey, the farm is neither the abode of the blessed or the damned; the farm is a patch of land where people live out there lives; there is happiness, there is sorrow for the farm dweller, sometimes more happiness than sorrow, sometimes more sorrow than happiness. But Corey is more of a reporter of facts than a follower of ideologies. He knows farm life, he knows people, he has no particular axe to grind, he is convinced that honesty is the best policy.

The story is primarily concerned with the maturing of the children of Chris Mantz and their struggle for existence on their Iowa farm. When Bessie Mantz is widowed the eldest son, Andrew is just fourteen. Bessie is tempted, at first, to sell the farm and buy a store in town. She can not see how, now that her husband is dead and she is left with four small children, she can manage a 160-acre farm alone. Andrew, knowing that his father had great dreams about the farm, finally convinces his mother that he is man enough to manage the farm as his father would have wanted it to be managed, and Bessie, convinced almost against her will, throws herself into the work of farming and educating her four children.

WIDOW'S PROBLEMS

Widow Mantz wants her children to have college education. It is one her driving desires. Andrew can work the farm until time for him to go to school and then he can turn the running of the farm over to his next youngest brother, Wolmar. In her mind Bessie Mantz works out the problem of education.

But there are temptations for Bessie. There is always the escape into matrimony, for then there would be a grown man about the place, one who could take the burden of responsibility from her shoulders, one who could make the children behave, one who could quench the desires which burned like wildfire inside her. And she almost accepts Billy Hildebrande. It is really a strange little incident which keeps her a widow, keeps her driving on, alone, without a husband. Bessie decides to leave the final decision as to whether or not she is to marry again up to the reaction of the baby, Otto.

The life of a widow is not an easy life under any circumstances. Man, being what he is, will take advantage of the weak and unprotected. First there is Lorei Jensen who is after her to sell her place which adjoins his; he has not even the common decency to wait until her, Bessie's, husband has had a chance to cool in his grave. Bessie does not sell. Jensen turns vindictive. If he cannot get the farm one way he'll get it another, he reasons, and then sets out to make life as miserable as possible for Bessie and her brood. Jensen gets the threshing crew to skip the threshing of Widow Mantz' place, knowing that they will be ruined financially unless they can thresh their grain; Andrew finally persuades the owner of a thresher in a nearby ring to thresh his grain, thereby averting disaster. Jensen, later, is in on a deal to dig an irrigation ditch which will cut the Mantz land in two, thereby destroying a portion of its value; there is no need for the ditch to cut the Mantz land in two, it is all Jensen's machination. And so it goes, one trouble after the other. But somehow, one does not feel too depressed, one cannot help admiring the honest-to-goodness spunk of the Mantzes.

YOUTH'S FULFILLMENT

Chris Mantz had always wanted to be an architect. From his father Andrew caught the fever of architecture. It is this unfulfiilled dream of Chris' which, passed on to Andrew, gives the boy sufficient drive to carry on his almost-unhuman task. It is the memory of Chris and his dreams of the future of the farm which keep the family going in their difficult moments. But the living have a curious way of deciding their own fate, and neither the memory of the desires of dear ones dead nor the tangible desires of dear ones living have much strength against the force of desires of youngsters. In the end it is only Andrew, half-dreamer, half-realist, who carries out the well-laid plans of Bessie and the dreams of Chris. Verney, the daughter, runs away to marry Clem, a mechanic on the ditch digging gang; Wolmar does not stay on the farm to take Chris' place when he is to go to school to become an architect, but takes Clem's place on the ditch digging crew; Otto remains to take Chris' place on the farm.

But the Mantz family is only the center of the book. Their periphery, the "three miles square," is crowded with neighbors who help and hinder them. There are Lorel and Lou Jensen who covet the Mantz farm; there is the drunken Faherty Dugan and his family of dirty children; there is Bernadette, the girl who Andrew almost marries; there is Pat, the cook for the dredger crew who talks undigested communism to little Otto and feeds him delicious pie which negates the effect of his political philosophy; there is the discontented school teacher, Miss Larch, who gets Billy Hildebrande.

Among the more memorable moments in "Three Miles Square" is the death and burial of Sunshine, Andrew's favorite horse. Memorable also are the scenes in which Andrew struggles with himself over his desire to become an architect and his love for Bernodette.

DETAIL VS. OVERTONES

It is inevitable that "Three Miles Square" be compared to another recent novel of farm life in the middlewest, Herbert Krause's "Wind Without Rain." The reality, the truth, as it were, about farm life, which Paul Corey seeks to establish by means of an over abundance of detail, Herbert Krause seeks to establish by means of a sort of poetic research into the nature of things and people. One is the technique of the journalist, the other is the technique of the novelist; this is not to speak disparagingly of either technique. If it was Paul Corey's purpose to give a readable, accurrate, and objective picture of farm life, he has succeeded; he fails just where Mr. Krause succeeds, for while we know all about Corey's characters, we seldom feel that we have actually penetrated inside them.

The above paragraphs are not intended to subtract from Paul Corey's very genuine gifts as a craftsman. The fabric of his story he has woven well; it is quietly and undeniably the essence of Iowa.

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

Window Shopping in New York

By JANE ROVER

NEW YORK—If there's one single piece of wearing apparel the New York woman wants, above all others, it's a fur coat. I suppose it's that way all over the country, too, unless you're one of those lucky enough to live the year around in some place like Miami Beach where you can get along with a bathing suit, a sun bonnet, and dark glasses.

But here in New York, where cold weather has begun to set in, there's nothing more comforting just now than a fur coat. And this, incidentally, is the best time of the year to buy one, if you have any ideas along that line, *and* if Christmas spending has left anything in the family sugar bowl.

For fur retailers don't like to keep coats from one season to another, if they can help it, and during January, if you shop carefully, you can pick up some wonderful bargains. Practically everyone who sells furs is running a sale now, and the reductions in prices vary anywhere from 10 to 50 percent.

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Sheared beaver and racoon have been the leading gainers in fur popularity this winter. So far as style goes, the main trends have been towards coats cut to fit the figure more closely, and more coats of three-quarter lengths.

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The most inexpensive fur you can get is rabbit. A coat made of rabbit will cost you anywhere from $39.50 up to $100, and it might be called Mendoza Beaver, Northern Seal, Bonded Seal, Premier Seal, Lapin, or any one of half a dozen other names. Rabbit fur, though, is warm, and it can be made into good coats. Coats made of rabbit represent more than 70 percent of all fur coats sold in the U. S. every year. In the 19th Century a fur coat was a luxury enjoyed by only a very few women. Now, though, with the discovery of new ways to treat and prepare skins, and with a higher specialization of the fur coat industry, coats have come down to a price field closer and closer to the reach of the average shopper.

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At the opposite end of the price range there is the chinchilla, which retails from $25,000 up. The animal chinchilla is practically extinct (in Peru and Bolivia, where they are found, it is now against the law to kill or capture one), and chinchilla coats are nearly extinct. There's only one for sale in New York. Bergdorf-Goodman's have it, and they're asking $27,500. "When we sell it," I was told, "we don't know where we can get another." There are less than a dozen owners of chinchilla coats here. They include women such as Lily Pons, Mary Pickford, Mrs. William Paley, wife of the president of CBS, Mrs. Wm. Randolph Hearst, and Mrs. Byron Foy, who inherited her chinchilla from her mother, Mrs. Walter P. Chrysler.

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The most expensive fur coat ever sold in this country (or sold anywhere, I should think) was a natural Russian sable that cost $100,000. Russian trappers started collecting the sables back in the first decade of the century. They were supposedly the most beautiful and the most perfectly matched ever seen, and were originally ear-marked for the Czarina. About fifteen year ago the sables, made into a coat, were bought, and are still owned, by Mrs. Henry Ford.

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The principal fur producing countries are the United States, Russia, China, and Alaska. Our own top-ranking state is Louisiana (muskrat and raccoon). Fur coat manufacturing in this country is highly concentrated. Eighty percent of it can be found within a few blocks here in New York—along Seventh Avenue, between Twenty-Fourth and Thirty-First Streets.

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A good ermine coat will set you back not less than $500, but if your little boy, while out feeding the chickens, happened to step on a white weasel (from which ermine comes) and kill it, he couldn't get more than 90 cents for the pelt. That's because it takes 100 weasel pelts to make an ermine coat, and they must be matched and put together by expert workmanship.

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If you want to know where your money goes when you pay $49.50 for a new Northern Seal, here's an approximate break-down: $6 to the man who clubbed and skinned the rabbits, $7 to the dresser and dyer, $19 to the manufacturer, and $17.50 for shipping costs, and wholesale and retail profits

It is rumored that Britain and France are considering the purchase of American planes, and flying them across the Atlantic, thus saving six weeks in delivery time.

Benjamin Franklin Overdrawn At Bank Often, Records Show

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—Benjamin Franklin, the banks' symbol of thrift today, had his troubles keeping sufficient funds on deposit, early records of the Bank of North America have disclosed.

"The name 'Poor Richard' might easily have derived from his bank account rather than from his almanac," said President William Fulton Kurtz of the Pennsylvania Co. "He was overdrawn at the bank at least three days out of every week."

Kurtz's remarks were based on a perusal of the records of the Bank of North America, where Franklin and many of his compatriots kept their money.

Complete records of the bank, first one established in the United States, were turned over last night to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. They covered the period from 1781, when the Second Continental Congress chartered the institution as a means of providing supplies and finances for promoting the Revolutionary War, down to 1929, when the bank was absorbed by the Pennsylvania Co.

5 SMALL CHILDREN PERMITTED TO STAY WITH WIDOW IN JAIL

Gallatin, Mo., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Thesel Wilson, 40 years old, is in jail at Gallatin with two of her sons and a man on a charge involving theft of sheep. With her also are her five smaller children. When Sheriff Frank Sweany made the arrests last Sunday he found that Mrs. Wilson. a widow, had no one with whom to leave them, so he allowed them to come to jail with her.

The sons accused are Earnest, 18, and Doran, 16. The man is Herbert Elder, 29. The four, for whom preliminary hearings will be held Friday, were unable to post bond of $2000 each.

Sheriff Sweany's wife, matron and cook at the Daviess County jail, said the children appeared to be enjoying the experience. The girls, Leona May, 10, Barbara Jean, 7, and Mabeljoan, are staying in the women's quarters with their mother. The boys, Kenneth, 12, and Harl, 14, are in the men's cells with their brothers. Their father was killed in a fall two years ago.

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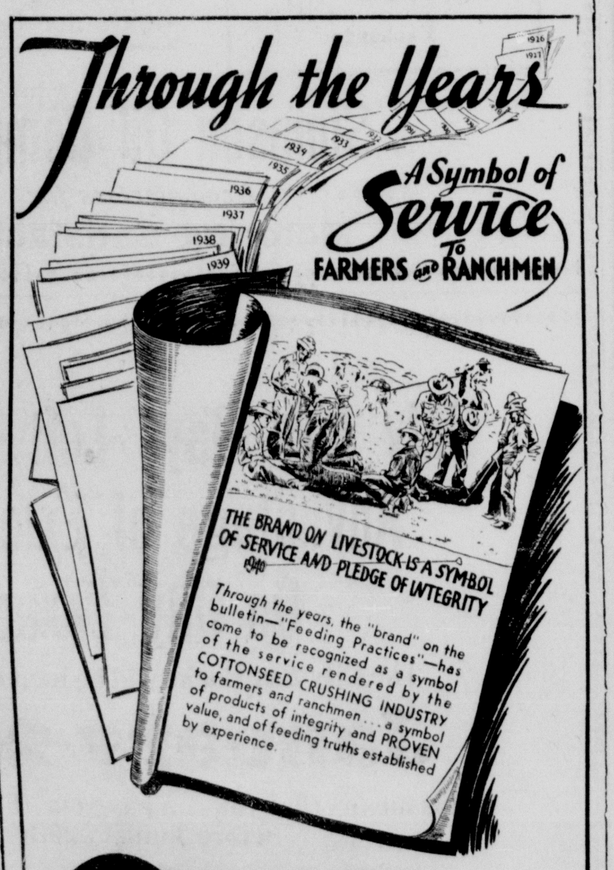
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3 Knockouts In Jaycee Boxing Show

Action galore with three technical knockouts gave the fans plenty to yell about Thursday evening at the armory, in a special show staged by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at tuneups for the Golden Gloves matches beginning this week.

There were 179 paid admissions. Nine bouts were fought.

Max Self, Kewanee, 160, won a technical kayo from Art Reed, Cape Girardeau, 158, in the second round.

Charles Turner, 165, Sikeston negro battler, took a first-round technical when Jimmy Lawson, 160, of Blodgett, gave up after a heavy rib blow.

W. A. Gray, 111-pound negro fighter of Sikeston, won when the referee stopped his bout with Bill Benton, 108, of Cape Girardeau.

FLYWEIGHTS FIGHT HARD

For flyweights, Benton and Gray put up some hard scrapping and kept the crowd roaring most of the time. Turner obviously was too potent for Lawson.

Another fast battle was staged between Buddy Jacobs, 118, of Cape Girardeau, and Ross Milbern, 130, of Sikeston. Jacobs had a fast, short jab, but Milbern stayed with him enough to gain a draw.

Willie Tollison of Kewanee, 145-pounder who has had considerable experience in the ring, won a decision from Floyd Crowley, 140, of Morehouse. Both men showed ability.

Probably the most popular bout of the evening was between Harold Taylor, 155, the Sikeston football player, and Ross Phillips, 155, of Cape Girardeau, won by Taylor on a decision. Phillips started fast as though to hold the upper hand, but Taylor unleashed himself the latter part of the first round and kept going to hold Phillips at bay most of the time. Twice he floored Phillips for the count of nine.

Wes Sizemore of Kewanee and Gene Alberson of Sikeston, both 110 pounds, fought to a draw.

In a colored match, Leon Shipp, 150, and Oscar Wilson, 145, Sikeston boxers, battled on even terms. This was a spectacular match, both men dishing out some large haymakers.

Douglas Tope, 128, and D. C. Duvall, 135, both of Sikeston, engaged in an exhibition bout.

Boxers from Cape Girardeau, Kewanee and Sikeston were featured.

Referees were E. G. Buchanan, O. T. Elder, and Ben Gines of Cape Girardeau.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Miss Pauline Goodge, who lives north of Sikeston, was brought home Friday morning in the Albritton ambulance. She recently underwent an appendix operation at St. Francis Hospital.

Girl Chicks to Play At Gray Ridge

A doubleheader basketball game will be played at the new Gray Ridge gymnasium this Monday evening, Jan. 15, the Diehlstadt Chicks, undefeated girls' team, meeting the unbeaten Midwest Dairy team of Cape Girardeau.

Proceeds will go to Gray Ridge and to Chicks. Judge Brown Jewell, business manager of the Chicks, said he had sent letters to 21 schools in the area announcing a new policy of charges at 20 and 10 cents, instead of 35 and 20 cents, in order to increase crowds and build up interest in basketball in general.



W. S. Knudsen, president of General Motors, C. L. McCuen, general manager of Oldsmobile, Governor Luren D. Dickinson of Michigan, R. E. Olds, founder of Oldsmobile and 300 veteran Oldsmobile employes shared this 220 pound birthday cake, presented to Charlie Blades, right above, at a big party in Lansing, on December 29th, honoring Oldsmobile's oldest employe, on his 80th anniversary. Blades is also the oldest employe in years of service in the entire automotive industry and his company is the oldest manufacturer in the motor car field.

Blackley King In Five-Man Ring Spree

Gene Blakely, unbeaten in the local ring, kept his slate clean Friday night in the "rassle royal" coming out on top after four others had gone under.

Blakley whipped Benny Bolt, the Sioux Indian, 29 minutes after the five-man riot began, in the last elimination. Lefty Pacer was first to go, in 9 minutes, and 6 minutes later Ole Olsen was flattened by the three remaining. Then the heavy Texan and Bolt dropped Joe Welch when 21 minutes had elapsed.

By his initial conquest, Blakley earned the right to watch the resultant matches. Olsen and Pacer, first out, met each other, the Chicago flash conquering the Minnesota Swede in two straight. Lefty took the first in a minute, using kangaroo kicks, and the second in 14 minutes by the same method, with some of Pacer's fancy uppercuts thrown in. The last fray was fast and furious.

Welch and Bolt used 48 minutes of wrestling time in mauling each other before Joe eked out his victory in the third fall. The Oklahoman was almost outsmarted by Bolt, who is 12 pounds lighter. The first fall went to Joe in 14 minutes with a rolling head scissors. The next went to Bold in 16 minutes with a series of flying tackles. It took Welch 18 minutes to subdue the South Dakota brave, this time with a crab hold.

SINGING CONVENTION AT KEWANEE JAN. 21

A United Singing Convention will be held on Sunday, Jan. 21, at Kewanee, according to J. L. McVey, clerk. It will begin at 10 a. m. A basket dinner will be served. Carl J. Gunn is president of the organization.

England consumes six bushels of wheat per head of population annually.

Chicks Defeat Vanduser, 40-27

Brown Jewell's Sikeston Chicks trounced the Vanduser Independent team there Thursday night, 40-27, leading all the way. Tope was high man with 15 points, and Long made eight for Sikeston. The local lineup was: Tope and Aldridge, forwards: Long, center; Davis and Billington, guards.

GENERAL DEATH RATE SHOWS DECLINE

That the people of the United States are learning to take better care of their health and are taking more interest in community health is borne out in the figures released by the United States Bureau of Census for 1938. From a rate of 112 deaths per 10,000 inhabitants in 1937, the rate dropped to 106 deaths in 1938 over the country. Infant mortality has likewise steadliy declined over the past five year period. Starting with a rate fo 601 deaths to each 10,000 live births in 1934, a yearly decrease has brought this down to 509 deaths for 10,000 live births in 1938 or a decrease of almost twenty per cent and a fifty per cent decrease since 1900.

Records in the State Department of Health show that Missouri played her part in this record year with the lowest death rate for 1938 of any recorded year with the exception of 1921. With a rate of 107 deaths for 10,000 inhabitants, this state had an average death rate of the country over.

As medical science has attacked and found new ways of effective treatment for almost every disease and with the impetus given all matters of health from the standpoint of prevention as well as cure and through an intensive public health program the life span has been lengthened to almost 62 years as the average life. Since 1900 there has been an increase of 12½ year of life expectancy for boys and 14 years for girls.

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

SUPREME COURT RULING TIGHTENS LIQUOR LAW; BRINGS STATE $36,000

The latest supreme court ruling on Missouri's liquor law has proved to be a double-barrelled victory for the state. Not only has the state received $36,000 as a result of the ruling but state liquor control department reports fewer liquor law violations.

A section of the liquor statutes provides that all liquor dealers must post a $2,000 bond before they may be licensed to sell intoxicating liquors. The law states that if the dealer violates the liquor control laws he must forfeit the total amount of the bond to the state.

Attorney general Roy McKittrick brought suit against a number of liquor dealers whose licenses had been suspended or revoked for law violations but who had not been required to forfeit their bonds. Two of these cases reached the supreme court, which recently ruled that if the violation were proved, the bonds must be forfeited.

After that decision, bonding companies which had issued bonds to dealers more or less without investigation, tightened their requirements. Several hundred bonds were cancelled outright and the companies installed systems of stringent investigation for bond applicants.

About $32,000 of the $36,000 collected so far by the attorney general's office in forfeited bonds have been voluntary settlements made by the bonding companies.

The state liquor department says reports of law violations have dropped and that an even greater reduction in the number of violations is expected as a result of the supreme court decision.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 16—

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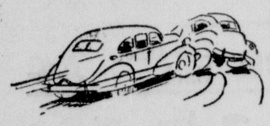
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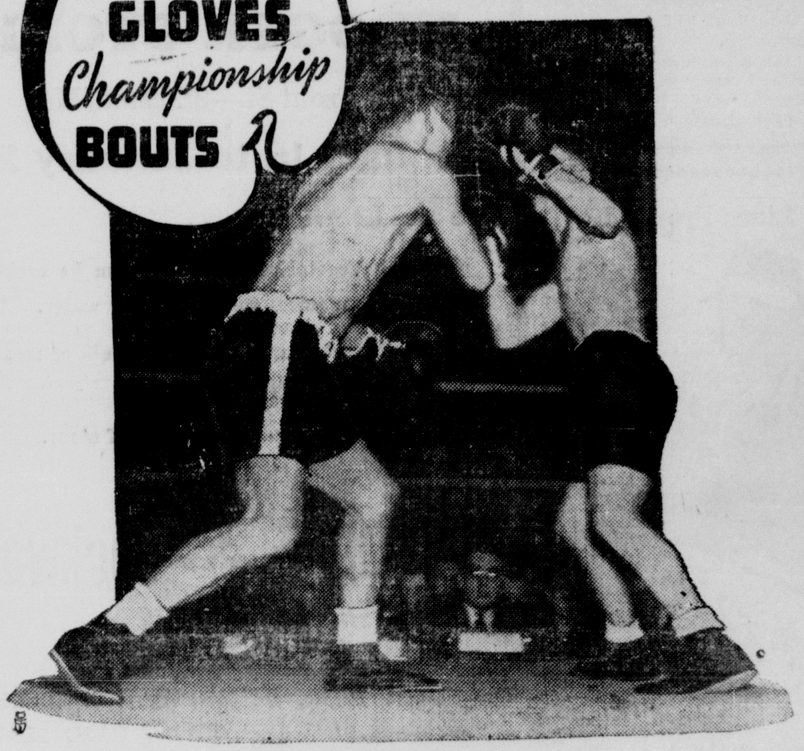
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JAN. 18-19—
"FAST AND FURIOUS"
With Franchot Tone and Ann Southern
News and Shorts. Admission 10c and 26c
Box Office Open 6:30 to 9 p. m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20—
"DESPERATE TRAIL"
With John Mac Brown
SERIAL AND SHORTS
Admission 2 to 4 p. m.—10c and 16c
Admission 4 to 9 p. m.—10c and 21c

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, JAN. 21-22—
"THE UNDER PUP"
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Kiwanis Club Activities

By Bartley Schwegler

T. R. Coppedge, manager of the Sikeston Compress Company, was the guest Speaker at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Sikeston at the Marshall Hotel on Friday evening.

Mr. Coppedge reviewed the coming of the compress to Sikeston and what it has meant to the community in the short time it has been here. The compress company began active operation here about the first of May 1939 in buying the parcel of ground which was followed by the erection of the warehouses, offices and the placing of the compressing machinery. More than one and one half million feet of lumber were used and more than one million brick were laid in making this structure complete; then to find it too small before the end of the first year.

Mr. Coppedge stated that there were three specific services rendered by the compress:

The issuance of negotiable warehouse receipts for cotton placed in storage. The compress is under government supervision and their accounts are audited regularly by a government man.

The second service is providing a storage for cotton for the farmers. In storage it is safe from weather and climatic conditions.

Third, car-load shipments may be utilized in transporting cotton. It makes a concentration point. He pointed that when cotton comes from the gin only about forty bales may be put in a car; when compressed for domestic use about 100 bales make up a car load and when compressed for export that about 200 bales could be shipped in one car.

In telling of the operations for 1939 he stated that the Compress Company had estimated that 25,000 to 35,000 bales of cotton would be handled. But, that they had exceeded all expectations and that they had handled about 58,000 bales. He said that this had broken all records for presses in the first year of operation.

The compress had been a financial boon to Sikeston as more than $60,000 has been spent for labor only since the first of May. Mr. Coppedge stated that the firm and all members had been cordially received by Sikeston and vicinity. That it seemed to him that Sikeston was a logical and strategic point for a compress and wondered why one had not been built here sooner.

R. A. Harper president of the club was absent, J. S. Kevil, first vice president presided. The program was in charge of W. P. Wilkerson.

L. M. Standley announced that a training school for officials of the club would be held next Wednesday night.

It was also announced that the 25th anniversary of Kiwanis International would be celebrated the night of January 26th with a special program for the occasion.

The next meeting will be held Friday evening January 19th at the Marshall Hotel.

Sunday Night Suppers

By Katharine Fisher

Director, Good Housekeeping Institute

The best thing about having guests in for a Sunday night get-together is the unlimited latitude it allows the hostess as to the things served and the methods of serving. For the charm of Sunday night supper lies in simple formality that promises a restful change from weekday routine. The freer and more informal the hostess can make her Sunday evenings, the more at home her guests will feel.

Sunday night guests often find it fun if they can watch or take part in the cooking of some delectable concoction which is to be the *piéce de resistance* of supper. So, take your chafing dish or electric grill into the dining room, and cook the main dish of supper right before the guests. The ingredients needed for the dish can be measured into small attractive bowls and arranged with the necessary cooking tools upon a tray at the left of the person presiding at the chafing dish or grill. If you have a man guest, or a man in the family, who has a penchant for things culinary, let him try his hand at your Sunday night feasts.



KATHARINE FISHER
Director of Good Housekeeping Institute

Here is a menu that goes well on a night when the snow sparkles in the moonlight and you've just returned from an afternoon of skiing. It suggests dishes which can be made at the table.

Canned Onion Soup
Toasted Tongue and Relish Sandwiches
Grapes Chocolate Whipped-Cream Layer Cake
Coffee

The toasted sandwiches are both delicious and a spur to congenialty. It will help break the ice to let your guests make their own, while the soup is heating in the chafing dish. Arrange a tray with a plate of sliced bread surrounded by small bowls of the relish, and plates of sliced tongue. With a little coaching from you, each guest prepares and toasts his own sandwich in the sandwich toaster on an adjoining tray.

Toasted Tongue and Relish Sandwiches

(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

1 10-oz. jar tongue
12 slices bread
Butter
4 tbsp. pickle relish

Slice the tongue and use as a filling between slices of buttered bread, using 2 tsp. of the pickle relish on each sandwich. Toast in a sandwich toaster or under broiler heat, or sauté in a skillet. Makes 6 full-sized sandwiches.

Chocolate Whipped-Cream Layer Cake

(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

Use standard, approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level.

5 tbsp. cocoa
½ c. powdered sugar
1½ tbsp. hot water
2 tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. plain, unflavored gelatin
1 tbsp. cold water
1 c. heavy cream
2 8" layers plain or chocolate cake

Mix the cocoa and sugar to a paste with the hot water and vanilla. Add the gelatin, which has been soaked in the cold water for 5 min. and has been dissolved by setting over hot water. Then add this chocolate-gelatin mixture to the heavy cream, and beat until stiff. Use as a filling and topping for the cake layers.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

John Garner of Matthews, who has been confined at St. Francis Hospital the past few days for treatment of a liver disorder, was able to be returned to his home Sunday in the Albritton ambulance.

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INJURY IMPROVED

Miss Peggy Wilson of Morehouse, who fell from her porch steps three months ago and suffered a broken hip and leg, was taken in the Albritton ambulance Saturday to the office of Dr. T. C. McClure to have the cast removed.

To make it easier for huge transport planes scheduled to make long distance hops to take off, the planes leaves the ground with a small gas load and then is fueled from the air by a flying tanker.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Gene Largent will entertain her card club Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Davis of Poplar Bluff were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Davis, Sunday.

Mrs. Charles D. Matthews Jr., and Miss Olga Matthews will leave Friday morning for Miami, Florida, to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Knupp and daughter, Peggy Earl, visited Mrs. Knupp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Givens in Mounds, Ill., Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Matthews III, daughter, Dot, son, Charles, and Mrs. Walter Clymer left Sunday to spend several weeks at Miami Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Ball had as guests over the week end Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Cline of LeRoy, Ill. They were enroute to the Gulf coast where they will remain for a month.

Mrs. W. W. Lankford and daughters, Misses Freda and Mary Ann, went to Memphis, Tenn., Sunday for a few days' stay. They expect to return home this (Tuesday) evening.

The Ebert-Kready Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. J. L. Taylor Thursday afternoon, Jan. 18, 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. J. N. Ross as hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pitman, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Davey and daughter, Miss Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Hill, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. James F. McMullin at their home near East Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and their nephew, John Dover, are leaving this (Tuesday) morning for a trip through the south, including Natchez, Miss., New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala., and into Florida where they will visit relatives in Winter Park and tour the state.

Word has been received here that Miss Jean, Miss Henriette and Miss Kate Ellen, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murtaugh of Hollywood, Calif., are playing at the State Lake Theatre in Chicago, Ill., in an act of their own. Mrs. Murtaugh, the former Miss Wootsen Davis, is with her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Childress and infant son returned home from Cairo, Ill., Sunday where Mrs. Childress and son have been since the birth of the child several weeks ago. Mrs. J. W. Stokely, mother of Mrs. Childress, accompanied them to Sikeston and will remain until this afternoon.

Mrs. E. C. Matthews entertained at a family dinner in her home Saturday evening. The guests were Mrs. Betty Matthews, Mrs. Chas. D. Matthews Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthews III, Mr. and Mrs. William Corrigan and Miss Margaret Corrigan of Poplar Bluff.

CHILD BROUGHT HOME

Wallace Minney, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Minney of Buffington, who was operated on recently at St. Francis Hospital for a ruptured appendix, was able to be returned in the Albritton ambulance to his home Sunday.

Semo Osteopaths In Session Here

About 35 Southeast Missouri Osteopaths and their wives were in Sikeston Sunday afternoon to attend a meeting of the Southeast Missouri Osteopathic Association held in the offices of Dr. H. E. Reuber. A business meeting preceeded a very interesting program. Several interesting lectures were given, as follows: "Varicose Veins and Ulcers," Dr. E. H. Loest of Oran; "Tulearemia" (rabbit fever), Dr. Masters of Advance; "Injection of Hernia", Dr. E. H. Gahan of Perryville.

After the professional meeting Mrs. E. C. Matthews entertained the group with a travel talk and pictures of her trip to India and the Mediterranean.

Lines From Life



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Avondale or Boka Flour 24 Pounds 65c
Marshmallows 2 1 lb. Bags 25c
Staleys or Penicks SYRUP 5 lb. Can 23c 10 lb. Can 45c
Campbells Tomato Soup 6 cans 38c
Cherries 3 No. 2 Cans 27c
Blue Plums No. 2½ Cans 10c
C. C. Milk 4 tall or 8 small 24c
2 Pound Box Wesco Crackers 13c
Fresh Side Pork lb. 9½c
Bulk Pork Sausage 3 lbs. 25c
Hickory Smoked Bacon Whole or Half Side lb. 13½c
LARD 50 Lb. Can $3.49 Bulk lb. 7c
Whiting Fish 3 lbs. 25c
Boiling Beef Lb. 10c
Bacon Squares Lb. 9c
Eatmore Oleo Lb. 9½c
Bananas Dozen 15c
Florida Oranges 288 size Each 1c
Navel Oranges 200 Size Doz. 19c
New Cabbage 3 lbs. 10c
Cauliflower Head 15c
Tangerines Dozen 15c
Sweet Potatoes 3 lbs. 10c
Texas Seedless Grrpefruit 10 for 25c

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The P. C. Editor Says:

The Hatch bill will cut very little ice in keeping WPA employees from attending public political meetings and expressing their wishes as to what candidate to support in the 1940 election, unless a threat is made to separate every one from the payroll unless they vote as some new political leader gives orders. This used to be a free country but it now seems that it is free if you support my candidates.

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The Ninth Annual Garden Pilgrimage at Natchez, Miss., begins March 2 through March 23, at which time the noted homes of the Old South will be thrown open to visitors. Beautiful gardens with colorful azealeas, gardenias, magnolias, surround these wonderful homes. We hope many from Sikeston will visit Natchez this March and we feel certain they will never forget the visit. The ladies and Misses in their hoop skirt dresses will be present to welcome you to the homes and the gardens. For particulars write the Pilgrimage Garden Club at Natchez and they will send you printed material and scenes to be visited.

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In order to let prospective State candidates know where The Standard editor stands on candidates for state officials in 1940 we hereby declare ourself for Bennett Clark for anything he wants at any time and for his independence in action in the United States Senate. If alive for the primary we intend to vote for Harry Truman for United States Senator as he has made just such an officer as did our beloved Senator Francis Marion Cockrell. For Secretary of State and State Auditor we shall vote for Dwight H. Brown and Forrest Smith, both of whom have made good records and both of whom have been blacklisted from a certain siate. For State Treasurer, Wilson Bell will receive our vote as he has been a working Democrat is a Southeast Missourian, a newspaper publisher and says he needs the job. This declaration doesn't mean that we are against any other candidate as we will introduce other candidates, Democrats or Republicans, who call at this office if they so desire, and do it with pleasure.

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We believe some Federal official such as United States Marshall or his deputy should attend the mass meeting to be held at Bell City this Tuesday night and warn those who are threatening to run the negroes from that section, that they had better go slow about such tactics or they may land in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. We believe these law abiding negro farmers should be protected in their rights.

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It has been suggested that these Charleston boys who are implicated in the burglaries in that city and Sikeston, be put on display in both cities in order that citizens may be made familiar with their faces. This in order if they are paroled when tried they may be shot if caught loitering about one's home.

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The booing of Judge Henson the other night at Springfield, when he pinch hitted for Governor Stark, was not very nice as Judge Henson is a mighty fine gentleman, as good a Democrat as any who did the booing, and it was disrespectful to the Governor. It was very different at the second Jackson Day dinner and the Governor handled the matter in a mighty nice manner.

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A New Madrid County gentleman was a Standard visitor Friday and in the conversation stated that he never expected to live long enough to hear of a New Madrid Hunter sitting in a meeting with a negro on equality terms, but reports from St. Louis had shown him different as Whitfield, the negro organizer had been reported as sitting in with white folks on equal terms.

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We have a lot of weaknesses but the bridge playing weakness is not one of them. That seems to be the weakness of the feminine sex. Now if it was a weakness for the feminine sex we might plead guilty. Friday we heard a mother say her daughter was to teach some young women to play bridge and we suggested she had better hold a bible class, she gave us the horse laugh, if you know what we mean.

Cotton Club's 16 Tourist Cabins Burn

Flames Early Sunday Drive Out 30 Guests and Cause $9000 Loss

Flames fanned by a strong northwest wind early Sunday destroyed 16 tourist cabins and menaced the Cotton Club at the south edge of the city, driving out 30 guests into the cold and causing a loss estimated at $9000.

Paul Jones, Jr., son of the owner, said Monday the fire is believed to have started from wiring at the furnace room, in the center of the row of cabins, which were all built in one long unit. A section used as a laundry at the south end also burned.

The blaze traveled so rapidly that many occupants saved only a small part of their apparel. Only three beds, three mattresses and two dressers were removed.

When the fire was discovered, the furnace room was in flames. The city fire department was called, but could only concentrate on saving the club building. The wind, however, was favorable in keeping flames in the opposite direction from the larger structure. In 45 minutes the cabins were completely destroyed.

Clothing and belongings of Roscoe Weltecke, who lived in one of the cabins, was destroyed. Mr. Weltecke was in St. Louis at the time.

Mr. Jones placed the loss at $6000 on the buildings, which were insured for $1500, and about $3000 on the contents. The cabins were very well furnished.

Freda Lankford Announces Coming Wedding

Announcement was made Friday night of the approaching marriage of Miss Freda Lankford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lankford, to Lewis Conley, son of Mrs. John Carraway, which will take place on Sunday, February 4.

The announcement was made at a dinner party given at Miss Lankford's home at 6:30 Friday evening. A pink and white color motif was used in the table decorations. A bowl of pink roses, in the midst of which was set a tiny altar bearing a miniature bride and groom, served as the center piece, and small, pink, rose-trimmed baskets filled with white mints were the favors. The announcement was written on small slips of paper coiled inside of pink rosebuds, which formed the place cards.

Miss Lankford and Mr. Conley will be married at the First Baptist Church at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, February 4, and the Rev. Mr. V. F. Oglesby of Decatur, Ill., formerly of Sikeston, will read the marrigae vows. Miss Lankford will be attended by Miss Helen Johnson as maid of honor and Mrs. Paul Higgins, also of Decatur, and Miss Vernetta Smith as bridesmaids. Her sister, Mary Ann, and cousin, Bobby Ann Purvis of Blytheville, Ark., will light the candles preceeding the ceremony. Andrew Cutrell will serve Mr. Conley as best man, and Paul Higgins and Walter Lankford will be ushers.

Guests at the dinner party were Misses Helen Johnson, Bonita Hedden, Magdalene Moser, Lillian Belle Taylor, Neva Mae Taylor, and Vernetta Smith, and Mrs. Anderson Hayden of Cape Girardeau.

ED LEECH ON CHAMP ELEVEN AT CENTRAL

Edgar Leech, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Leech, formerly of Sikeston, is one of the nine members of the champion Southeast intramural football teams at Central College, Fayette. The nine boys were awarded gold medals during the chapel program on last Thursday morning. This is the first year that the champion intramural football team has been presented with awards. The football players are divided into teams according to the section of the state in which they live. The Southeast team has been defeated only once this season. Leech is a freshman at Central this year.

Wild Gas Truck Takes Right-of-Way Until--

An oil truck driver from Campbell went on a rampage down Highway 60 Monday afternoon and landed in the Stoddard County jail at Bloomfield, but only after he had accomplished these results:

Several cars barely missed a collision with the truck.

A State Patrol car was forced into a ditch to avoid a crash.

Sgt. Melvin Dace was compelled to commandeer a car to give chase.

The truck driver, Homer Launius, 45, ran off the highway near Gray Ridge, overturned his truck and was hurt.

The exciting moments began at Buffington, where Sgt. Dace was taking measurements at the scene of a fatal accident earlier in the day, when 6-year-old Charles Eaton was struck and killed by a car.

Launius' truck roared past about 60 miles an hour, going west through the dense fog, and almost hit several persons. Sgt. Dace gave chase in his patrol car. East of Gray Ridge the truck careened and nearly hit a bridge abutment. Two cars coming east, in dodging him, compelled the trooper to take to the ditch.

Along came Ed Constant of Sikeston and his brother from Kennett, in a 1936 Dodge. They turned the car over to the patrolman and the chase began anew. A short distance past Gray Ridge, Launius could hold the road no longer. His truck ran through a fence and overturned in a field, tearing off the cab and spilling the gasoline cargo. He suffered a deep gash on the forehead and possible internal injuries.

Launius, who works for a Campbell oil firm, told the trooper he had been making collections and at each place was offered a strong drink. After treatment by Dr. John Hux at Essex, he was lodged in jail on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

The patrol car was not damaged.

C. E. Robbs Died Friday

Prominent Farmer of New Madrid County Passes at Memphis

Charles Edgar Robbs, 51, prominent New Madrid County farmer, died at 1:15 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Mr. Robbs had been ill about a week of pneumonia and in intestinal disorder.

Widely known as the farmer of nearly 800 acres of land in the La Forge vicinity, Mr. Robbs also was a mule dealer. He owned the large mule barn by Highway 61 at Kewanee lane.

He was a resident of New Madrid County for 25 years and was born March 24, 1888, at Galconda, Ill.

Mr. Robbs leaves his wife, Mrs. Mamie Robbs; two children, Van Robbs and Mrs. Vera Hawkins of La Forge; his mother, Mrs. Sarah Robbs of Harrisburg, Ill.; four sisters, Mrs. Roy Conley of Sikeston, Mrs. Roy Taylor of Chaffee, Mrs. Roy McDonald of Paducah, Ky., and Mrs. Lois Cletcher of Harrisburg, Ill., and a brother, A. L. Robbs of Robbs, Ill.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Matthews High School gymnasium, Rev. A. W. Adkins officiating, and interment with Welsh service was in Memorial Park.

Rites for Boy Killed by Auto

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the residence in Buffington for Charles Franklin Eaton, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eaton, victim of an automobile accident Thursday noon at Buffington.

The child was crossing Highway 60 at Buffington and was struck by a car. Acting Stoddard County Coroner Bus Hearne exonerated the driver, Henry Bushyhead, St. Louis salesman.

Rites were conducted by Rev. A. C. Sullivan of Morehouse and burial with Albritton service was in Idalia Cemetery.

The Eatons have two other children, Roy, 2, and Lillian, 11.

Ray Wedel Weds Kentucky Girl

Miss Erma Eatherly, daughter of L. C. Eatherly of Marion, Ky., and Ray Boyle Wedel were quietly married Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church, Rev. John L. Taylor, pastor, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Myers were witnesses.

Mr. Wedel, who is assistant maintance clerk at the State Highway office in this city, and bride are residing temporarily at 311 West Gladys Street.

Fog Causes Four Wrecks

Fourth Reported Is Between Two Large Trucks Below City

Heavy fog was blamed for an accident involving two trailer trucks Thursday afternoon 13 miles South of town, the fourth fog mishap reported to the State Patrol here.

Linard Margrum, Portageville, driving northward in a Chevrolet truck, told Trooper V. P. Boisaubin he applied his brakes suddenly to avoid hitting a car passing another truck on the left, coming the opposite direction. His truck jackknifed across the highway, causing the second truck to sideswipe his.

The other truck, an International driven by George Cowgill of Memphis for the Gordon Line, ran into a ditch.

Margrum received cuts on the face. His truck is owned by Roy Hall of Memphis.

It was the fourth crash Thursday laid to the fog that cut visibility to a few feet. Woodrow Foster, 17, Miner Switch farmer, was hurt when his car crashed into a Missouri Pacific bus as he was going around another car. Charles Eaton, 6, was killed when struck by an automobile at Buffington. Homer Launius, Campbell, wrecked his gasoline struck near Gray Ridge while being pursued by the State Patrol, after he had narrowly missed several crashes in the fog blanket.

Car Hits Rear of Truck, Demolished

A 1936 Chevrolet coach driven by Omar Comstock, proprietor of the Comstock Shell service station across from the Highway Dept. office building, was virtually demolished when it ran into the rear of a tractor to a trailer truck at 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning, on Highway 60 at the foot of the sand hill east of the city. Mr. Comstock suffered a severe gash on the forehead and was knocked unconscious for a short time.

State Trooper V. P. Boisaubin was told by the truck driver, Pete Daugherty, employe of the Local System, that he had stopped on the highway preparing to make a left turn, waiting for Mr. Comstock to come around him. The car driver, however, could not do so because another automobile was coming from the opposite direction.

Neither Mr. Daugherty nor a male companion was hurt, and his car was only slightly damaged.

STINNETT DAUGHTER DIES AT MOREHOUSE

Sandra Sue Stinnett, 17-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Stinnett of Morehouse, died Sunday noon of a gland ailment. Services were held Monday afternoon at the family residence, Rev. Harold Ray officiating, and interment with Albritton service was in Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Besides the parents, the child is survived by a brother, James, 3.

51 Battlers Signed for Gloves Bouts

More Expected by Time Fights Begin Wednesday at Armory

The first two-day elimination bouts of the Golden Gloves begin at the armory here Wednesday, when the Junior Chamber of Commerce will start the prize fights to determine who in this area will become district champions.

Attired in snappy trunks, the Glovers will begin the climb up the ladder of fame Wednesday and Thursday nights, Jan. 17 and 18, and will wind up Jan. 24 and 25.

LIST GROWS BIG

By the end of last week William E. "Peg" Mahew, registrar of athletes, had 51 men definitely slated to fight and more in prospect. Twenty-four in one group will come from the negro CCC camp near Poplar Bluff, the commander, Capt. McNamara, told Frank Miller, general chairman.

Twenty of the contestants are Sikeston and Kewanee residents who have been training under Lynn Twitty at the armory. So plenty of local color is assured.

Four men are expected from Morehouse, and Benton, Dexter, Bloomfield, Lilbourn, East Prairie and other towns have boxers listed.

Mr. Mahew said he would be able to register any fighter up to 6:45 p. m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, but not later.

Fistic ability unlimited is expected in these amateur fights. For instance:

SOME FIRST-RATERS

There is Pete Salano, local Mexican who went to the Golden Gloves semi-finals last year at San Antonio, Tex., in the 140-pound class.

Harold Taylor, 155 pounds, Sikeston High School contribution who won his tuneup contest Thursday, flooring his opponent twice for a nine count.

Charles Turner, 165-pound local negro, winner of a technical kayo in the first round Wednesday and a hard scrapper.

Marion Billington, 195 pounds, a sure-fire heavyweight contender. Formerly of Kewanee, he now lives here.

Johnny Mack Self, Kewanee middleweight, who also won Thursday when the referee stopped the fight.

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Miss Blair Law, Jackson Hames Wed Saturday

The marriage of Miss Blair Law, librarian of the Sikeston Public Library, and Jackson Hames, Jr., was solemnized at 7 o'clock Saturday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Baasch, 924 North Ranney, by the Rev. L. Taylor of the Methodist Church, before a small group of friends.

It was a single ring ceremony, without attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Hames spent the week end in Paducah, Ky. They will make their home at the residence of W. H. Keller, 273 North Ranney.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Nita B. Law of Washington, Ia., where she completed high school. She was graduated from the University of Minnesota Library School. Since Jan. 1, 1939, when the new city Library was opened, she has been librarian, coming from Cape Girardeau, where she was assistant librarian of the Teachers College library. Mrs. Hames will continue in her position here. The past Friday the Library Board raised her salary from $80 to $100 a month, in accordance with a previous agreement and as a token to her services.

Hames, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Hames, Sr., of Paducah, was graduated from High School there and attended Murray Teachers College. He is employed at the Motor Machine Shop here.

DISCUSSING THE SITUATION



The "Big Three" shown above were brought together in St. Louis in order to save Southeast Missouri from herself. In case you do not recognize the smiling trio we will say reading from the left is Governor Stark of Missouri, Owen H. Whitfield, the negro leader of the roadside campers last season and who left this section between sundown and sunup, and R. W. Hudgens, an assistant and farm security administrator. This picture was printed in the Poplar Bluff American Republic and the Sikeston Herald from which paper we borrowed the cut. Whitfield stated he was sent into Southeast Missouri to see landlords and keep them from setting the tenants out on the roadside. Whitfield should attend the mass meeting to be held at Bell City this Tuesday night and use his influence to keep the white folks from running the black folks out of that section.

Dowling Captured and Baker Identifies Him

Louis Lee Baker, negro witness in a bombing case, at St. Louis police headquarters Sunday positively identified Elmer Dowling as one of the pair who kidnaped him near Sikeston and murderously attacked him near St. Louis 14 months ago.

Dowling, exconvict and one-time official in a bartenders' union, was identified in a photograph by Baker shortly after the negro was shot and left for dead. Sought since that time, the suspect was captured in a restaurant Saturday in North St. Louis after an anonymous tip by telephone.

BAKER POSITIVE

"You is the man who tried to put the last bullet into me," the negro witness cried, pointing at Dowling. The prisoner broke out in a cold sweat. "You is the man who bought me whisky and cigarets," Baker continued.

Dowling is booked on a charge of felonious assault. It was learned he tried two months ago to strike a bargain with the St. Louis prosecutor to surrender in exchange for a light sentence.

Another man, Arthur Salveggi, was brought last month from California, where he was captured in a bank robbery, to St. Louis after Baker had identified him as the second of his assailants. Detectives brought Salveggi to Sikeston Dec. 5 to have several people look at him in hope that they too might identify him. The officers did not disclose if he was identified. Salveggi is at liberty on bond.

SHOT BY PAIR

For protection, Baker was working at the Trailback plantation, southwest of Morehouse, awaiting the trial of Isadore Londe in St. Louis, of which the negro was a star witness. Only four St. Louis authorities were supposed to know where Baker was hiding, but two men, posing as detectives, drove to the plantation on Nov. 18, 1938, saying they were ready to take Baker back for trial. Near St. Louis, they forced the negro into a deserted building, shot him twice through the head and left him for dead.

Baker recovered, although he suffered the loss of an eye, and his testimony convicted Londe of bombing at St. Louis cleaning establishment. Londe is serving 25 years in the state penitentiary.

Plan Hoop Homecoming

Athletic Alumni to Be Guests of School at Cage Game Feb. 9.

Athletic alumni of Sikeston High School, who enjoyed a football game last fall as guests of the "S" Club, will have the same privilege during the current basketball season.

Venson "Sheik" Jones, president of the club, said Monday all graduates of the High School who have won a letter in any sport will be admitted free to the basketball game here Feb. 9 with Charleston. It will be known as a homecoming basketball game.

Former athletes of the school may secure free tickets by registering at the Bijou, Bowman's Drug Store, City Drug Store, Heisserer Drug Store and Malone Drug Store.

Plans may be worked out to have the guests sit in a special section of the gymnasium.

Cairo Oil Mill Strike Settled

Cairo, Ill., January 13.—Settlement of strikes in two cotton oil mills was announced here today by T. N. Taylor, St. Louis, representative of the American Federation of Labor.

He said several members of the Cotton Oil Mill Workers' Union had reported for work at the Roberts Cotton Oil Company mill and the Cairo Meal and Cake Company mill.

Unofficial reports said the agreement, reached after the strikes had been in progress eight weeks, provided recognition of the union but allowed no wage increase or closed shops.

POLICE COURT

Med Hughes of this city, arrested by Patrolman Harold Wallace, fined $8 for drunkenness; J. L. Murphy, arrested by Officer McManus and Nelson, $8 fine for the same charge.

The entrance hole of a wren house should be the size of a 25-cent piece.

J. A. Neal, Farmer At Matthews, Dies

John Allen Neal, 48, who farmed two miles west of Matthews, died Thursday at St. Francis Hospital, Cape Girardeau, of a kidney disease. He suffered'a protracted illness that was critical the past week.

Mr. Neal came to the Matthews community a year ago from Alva, Miss., where he was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mandy Neal; three children, Mrs. Vivian Clayton, Mrs. Louise Kelso and A. J. Neal, all of Matthews; a brother, McCune Neal, of Alva, Miss., and two sisters, Mrs. Layetta Carr and Mrs. Sally Cannon, both of Cody, Miss.

Services were held Saturday afternoon at the Methodist Church at Matthews, Rev. D. M. Margraves officiating, and interment with Albritton service was at Memorial Park.

Agencies Join In Handling Farm Details

FSA Will Use Data of Job Offices; Owners Queried on Idle Acres

Machinery to bring about readjustment in the rural labor surplus in Southeast Missouri continues to function.

Officials of the Farm Security Administration, State Employment Service and members of the governor's committee gathered Friday night at the local employment office to discuss methods of co-ordinating the FSA and Employment Service's activities in the program.

The Employment Office this Monday opened branch offices in five Southeast Missouri counties to register tenants, sharecroppers and farm laborers without land to work.

The offices Monday also began issuing 12,000 questionnaires to landowners in the cotton counties, according to Carl Wedeking, district employment director.

AGENCIES COMPARE DATA

Through the registration, which already has been started at Sikeston's district employment, the FSA may aid applicants to obtain rehabilitation plots, it was decided at the meeting Friday night. Applications taken by the employment office will be scrutinized by the FSA, which may be able to supply land for the families to become self-supporting, Mr. Wedeking said.

To date, 45 families, from Scott County mostly, had registered at the Sikeston office.

The questionnaires issued Monday inquire if landowners need sharecroppers or tenants, the number desired, land available for garden plots, and inquired if any cut-over or lay-out land existed on the farm. The latter information will be relayed to the FSA, which is placing families on these idle tracts.

BRANCH OFFICES

In charge of the branch office, beginning Monday, are: Mississippi County, R. B. Deschner, Charleston courthouse; New Madrid County, Paul Trotter, New Madrid city hall; Stoddard County, G. B. Pearson, Dexter city hall; Pemiscot, Hilary Lee, Caruthersville city hall; Dunklin, Frank

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Chicks Defeat Poplar Bluff Quintet, 35-27

Brown Jewell's Chicks stopped the Poplar Bluff independents there Sunday, 35-27, leading from the beginning for the first victory of a Sikeston independent team over Poplar Bluff in several years. Period scores were 3-2 for the first! 13-9 at the half, and 24-13 for the third. Team scoring:

Sikeston: Tope 7, Long 3, Eaton 5, Davis 2, forwards; O. Malone 0, Billington 5, centers; G. Malone 6, Swaim 3, J. B. Michael 1, E. Michael 2. Aldridge 1, guards.

Poplar Bluff: Knickles 0, Flannery 9, Hogg 2, Godwin 0, forwards; Hanna 1, Gray 2, centers; Greer 5, Boeving 4, Blanks 0, Gardner 4, guards.

Poplar Bluff lost to the Bloomfield Bears, 45-24, the team that beat Sikeston at the start of the season, 114-11. Coach Jewell had added to his team since then and believes he can give the Bears a run for their money.

The local men and the Diehlstadt girl Chicks play a doubleheader at Caruthersville Thursday night, against teams the two Chicks quintets beat once before.

Judge Jewell said he had asked permission of the School Board to use the local gymnasium for a series o fWednesday night games, paying $10 per night for the court.

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Prosperity Notes

(Compiled by Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State.)

The national income for 1939 has been estimated by Secretary of Commerce Hopkins at $68,500,000,000, as compared with $64,000,000,000 in 1938, a gain of 4½ billion dollars.

Retail merchants of the United States have just enjoyed the best holiday trade in 10 years, the aggregate being approximately 10 per cent over 1938. The Yuletide business in the Nation is reported to have totaled 39 billions of dollars.

The holiday season became the merrier for approximately 50,000 New England textile workers by the news that beginning February 5 their pay would be increased from 7 to 10 per cent. The raise will add thousands of dollars to their income.

The prospects for American business in 1940 are bright, it is generally agreed by editors of trade publications throughout the country, spokesmen for the industries and professions their journals represent. The notable advance in many fields during the last few months of 1939 may be halted temporarily, according to some of the editors, but the upturn is expected to be resumed. Times are better and will continue to improve, they assert.

Heavy industry, backbone of the 1939 business advance, enters the new year with a large reserve of unfilled orders, business analysts report. Some estimate the backlog of machine and equipment makers is the greatest since 1930 or 1929, and the reserve is expected to keep employment in the heavy industries at relatively high level for months to come.

The Automobile Manufacturers Association reports November retail sales of passenger cars amounted to 257,336, compared with 236,584 in October and 241,009 in November of 1938. For II months or 1939, retail sales of passenger cars totaled 2,449,423, compared with 1,715,727 in the like months of 1938.

Electric power output, at record levels for the last few months, mounted to an all-time high during the week ending December 16, the Edison Electric Institute reports. The latest total of 2,604,558,000 kilowatt hours was 11.6 per cent above the figure for the comparable 1938 week.

Engineering construction awards during the week ending December 21 totaled $47,702,000, an increase of 19 per cent over the total for the previous week.

Business failures for the week ending December 21 totaled 200, Dun & Bradstreet reports. The number is 12.7 per cent below the 229 in the comparative period a year ago.

The United States Department of Commerce estimates that American wholesalers sold $20,700,000,000 worth of goods and services during 1939, bettering last year's business by 8.8 per cent.

The net profit of 399 large industrial and mercantile companies for the first three quarters of 1939 were 71 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1938, according to a report just issued by the National City Bank of New York.

The Association of American railroads reports Class I lines in the United States had a net income of $23,245,000 during the first 10 months of 1939, as compared with a net deficit of $151,399,000 in the same months of last year.

The war in Europe has revived the old slogan of "See America First" and $250,000,000 in tourist dollars will stay in the United States the remainder of this winter. The vast amount is expected to be spent largely in California and Florida resorts.

Freight carloadings declines slightly to 687,265 cars from 688,888. Cotton deliveries dropped further, 178,000 bales being delivered as compared with 214,000 during the Dec. 2 week. Bank debits at $5,391,000,000 were up, while commercial loans fell slightly from $5,882,000,000 to $5,878,000,000.

Continuing and growing evidence of the permanence of the business and industrial recovery which began in the United States several months ago causes the nation to face the new year with confidence. Factories and mills are humming, people are back at work and smiling and the stores are filled with patrons with money to provide the life and happiness which go hand-in-hand with the liberty which is ours.

Less-than-seasonal declines in American industries during December lead the National City Bank to forecast new records in 1940. "Business is heartened to a demonstration that growth still can go on," the letter said. "Unquestionably the problem for 1940 is to maintain and strengthen this renewal of confidence." Penetration of high marks established in 1929 is significant in domestic business, because many had come to feel that 1929 represented an unnatural peak, wholly out of reach or too remote for practical consideration, it adds.

A combination of increased employment, placing more money in the pockets of the average American, and the longer Christmas shopping season which came with President Roosevelt's action in advancing Thanksgiving Day a week is reflected in announcement of the Federal Reserve Board that sales by department stores during the holiday season were well above those of 1938. A spurt of shopping in the last week before Christmas registered a gain of 13 per cent over the same 1938 week. In the four weeks ending December 23, the national average was 5 per cent above the same period in the previous year. Increases for the Missouri metropolitan areas are: Week ending December 23, St. Louis, 14 per cent; Kansas City, 11 per cent. For the four weeks ending on that date: St Louis. 8 per cent; Kansas City, 4 per cent. The St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank declares that holiday trade in the Eighth Federal Reserve District was highest since 1929.

Continuing at a level well above the 1926 normal, the Administrative and Research Corporation's weekly index of business stood at 103.1 on December 30 as the old year passed into history. A year ago it was 89.4.

During the nineteen weeks which ended December 27, banks in 101 leading cities of the United States increased their business loans a total of $557,000,000 over the same period last year.

Predicting that 1,500,000 electric ironers and at least an equal number of electric washing machines will be installed in homes in the United States during the present year, W. Neal Gallagher, president of the Washer and Ironer Manufacturers' Association declares that 15,000,000 washers and 1,*00,000 ironers will be in the use in the United States before the end of 1940.

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Speculation Is Discouraged

The purchase of a home should be viewed as a long-term investment rather than a speculative venture which may pay quick cash returns, Federal Housing Administration officials say.

If such an attitude is taken by the prospective home buyer, fewer disappointments and considerably greater stability in the home-building industry will result.

The buyer who purchases a home purely on speculation is postponing the time when he will get the most out of what usually is the largest single purchase a family makes in a lifetime.

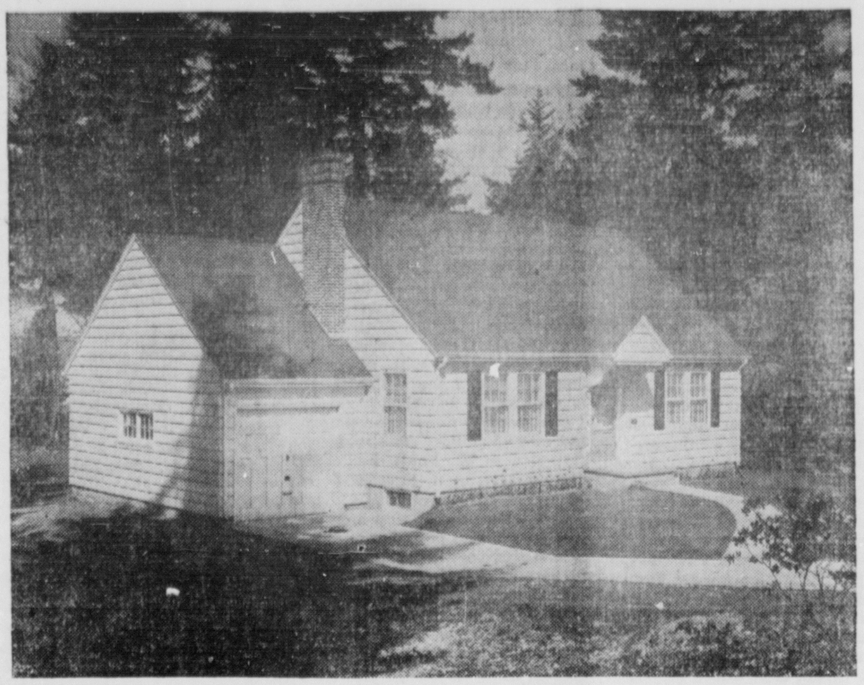
In its home-mortgage insurance operations the Federal Housing Administration discourages home purchases undertaken purely from a speculative standpoint.

WALL FINISH STRENGTH

The best wall finish is no stronger than its base, and the best painting or wall covering applied to poor plaster may result in an unsatisfactory wearing surface, Federal Housing Administration officials say. Therefore, the quality of interior painting, tinting, or wall covering must be carefully considered.

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Sees Need for Revision In Foreclosure Laws

Improvement and standarization of home-mortgage-foreclosure statutes of the various states is the logical next step which must be taken to facilitate low-cost home construction, Federal Housing Administrator Stewart McDonald said recently.

While marked progress has been made in recent years in reducing home-mortgage interest rates, decreasing construction and land-development costs, and organizing the building industry, Mr. McDonald said, little attention has been paid to the savings which could be made if costly and cumbersome mortgage-foreclosure procedures were brought into line with modern needs.

"It apparently is difficult for the public to realize that foreclosure statutes on the books of many states dictate to a considerable extent both the cost of mortgage money to the borrower and the type of home-financing plan used by the lending institutions of that state," Mr. McDonald said.

LENDERS BALK AT COSTS

"It has come to my attention during ecent weeks, for example, that lenders in some states are unwilling, because of extremely high foreclosure costs in relation to down payments, to make loans under the new FHA Title I home-loan insurance plan. This plan permits families with incomes as low as $900 to $1,500 to purchase new homes with down payments as small as 5 per cent of the appraised property value.

"Stringent foreclosure statutes might be justified, of course, if they afforded greater protection to the rights of home owners. Unfortunately, they afford no more protection to worthy borrowers than some of the least costly and most expeditious statutes now in effect.

"Consequently, there is a growing feeling that steps must be taken to provide uniform mortgage laws for all states which will provide maximum protection to worthy borrowers and will at the asme time permit lending institutions to advance funds to pospective home buyers on terms as favorable as those now given citizens of other states."

SIMPLE PLAN NECESSARY

The necessity for simplified and less expensive foreclosure procedures has become increasingly apparent since the passage of amendments to the National Housing Act last year which permitted the insurance of home mortgages, under Title II, representing as much as 90 per cent of the appraised property value.

Where foreclosure costs on a $3,000 property run as high as $350, lenders are less willing to undertake the risk of handling a loan involving a down payment of only $300. In other states where costs of foreclosure are generally less than $100 lenders are in a more favorable position.

Under the new plan of home construction under Title I, lenders often are asked to consider making loans where borrower makes a down payment of $150 or less. Considering that the risk is too great, in view of the unduly high foreclosure expense in relation to the small down payments and slow repayment, lenders in some states have been forced to forego participation in the program and to deny the privileges of the act to their communities.

"The passage by states of the Uniform Real Estate Mortgage Act, prepared by the Central Housing Committee, would seem to be the logical solution to the problem now faced by borrowers, lenders, and the building industry," Mr. McDonald commented.

"This proposed act, if enacted by the states, would tend to standardize the home-mortgage structure still further, to equalize the cost of home-mortgage money, and to give a final impetus to the use of the long-term amortized high-ratio home mortgage."

PRAISE FOR OUR HIGHWAYS

Missouri has even been proud of its splendid highway system and the efficient and economical manner in which it has been operated, especially during the administration now directed by Chairman Claude C. Earp of Nevada. For that reason it is especially pleased because of a tribute paid its highways by Senor Luis Cueva, former chief highway engineer of all Mexcio. While visiting in Jefferson City recently, Senor Cueva said: "I consider that you of Missouri have fine roads—finer, I think, than many other states in the Union." It is a merited tribute of a great highway system of a great state.

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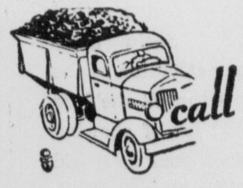
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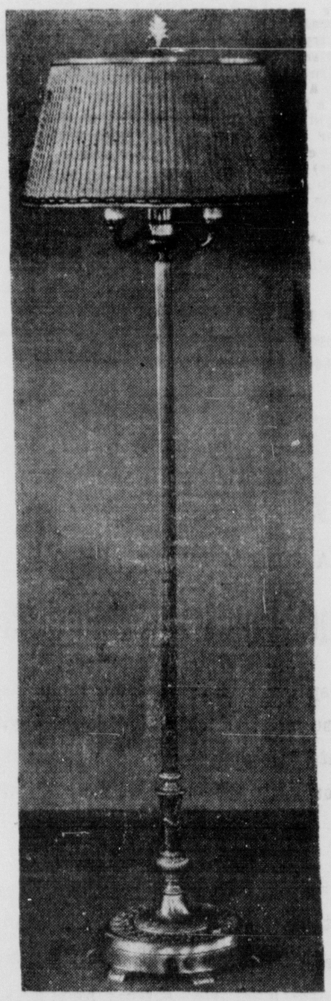
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce Lynn A. Ancell as a candidate for re-election as Assessor for Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

The Sikeston Tractor and Implement Co. are giving a real treat to the public at their plant corner of North Ranney and Mo. Pac. R. R. tomorrow, (Wednesday) when they place on a screen the movie picture "Joel Gentry In Hollywood." First show at 10:00 a. m., second show at 2:00 p. m. and third show at 7:00 p. m. This is all free to those who hold tickets and if you haven't already secured tickets ask for them. This movie show will be in the heated main show room. Don't fail to have the school children attend as it will be an education for them.

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Being lonesome and homesick is one of the worst feelings imaginable. We know for we went more than one thousand miles away from my Father and Mother when we first left home to seek our fortune. If some good woman had married me at that time perhaps we would have sown no wild oats. But that is neither here nor there for when two souls with a single thought fall in love from homesickness and the lack of companionship the best thing to do is to get married for better or for worse. And so it goes.

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A bunch of anarchists calling themselves the "Christian Front" have been raided in New York City and 18 men arrested. Guns, bombs, ammunition of all sizes, were in the haul. This is what comes from letting this sort of scum organize the bund and similar organizations in the United States. All should be sent back to the land from which they came or be sent to the penitentiary for long terms.

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A prominent business man of Sikeston received a letter from a white woman taking the part of Rev. Whitfield, the negro agitator, which made him wonder what the negro had that he didn't have as Whitfield had a white woman with him when he visited Sikeston last week.

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It is with shame and regrets that we, at this time, have just heard of one of our school teachers telling the little fellows in her room there was no such thing as a Santa Claus. One small girl went crying to her home after being told there was no Santa Claus. Old Santa Claus is the sweetest dream in a childs life and they should continue this dream as long as possible. This teacher should be given the air.

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"Aunt Paul," Deering negress and former slave, died at the age of 111 years from grief at the passing of her baby son, aged 80 years.

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MISSOURI MELANGE

The annual exhibit of winter flowers which has proven popular in Sullivan at a Yuletide festivity did not fall below the standard this season, where about 2,000 poinsettias formed the major exhibit. Against a background of spruce bows, the exhibit also included Jerusalem cherries, white stevia, Chinese hybiscus, bougainvillea and camellias.

Attributable to the Christmas spirit, obviously misdirected, LaPlata citizens find prospect of a $25 reward for arrest and conviction of persons who found the city cemetery a supply for their Christmas trees. Shrubs and flowers were purloined by the vandals, and the cemetery association proposes to put a stop to it, hence the reward.

When Wallace Crossley's Warrensburg Star-Journal proposed the adoption of twenty-one needy families there, the response was more than had been expected. Generous citizens promptly adopted the twenty-one families and sixteen other families were added to the list.

Adding to his reputation a varmint exterminator, Otto Winkler of Crystal City collected bounty on the scalp of a forty-pound wolf.

More than one hundred boys from De Soto and vicinity have registered and have been certified for the National Youth Administration by the district supervisor.

Answering the Bible riddle, according to the Osceola Democrat, Charles Cloukey surrenders to the call of prose poetry, to-wit: Before Adam, the whale was made; it swallowed Jonah but he never stayed. So the soul of Jonah was in the midst, but from the Lord could not be hidst. So out came Jonah with his precious soul and the whale still travels from pole to pole. The rest of the riddle is but to confuse with verbose statements, the mind obtuse.

A new fire station at Fairmount was opened January 1, according to the Inter-City News. The operation of a fire department in Fairmount which is unincorporated is made possible by contributions from residents and business houses in the community.

SODA WATER POURED IN VANDERBILT FONT

YOUNG GLORIA MORGAN VANDERBILT, over whom the bitter controversy for custody raged between her mother, Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt, I, and her aunt, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, began her life with typical confusion. She is probably the only child of the Social Set who was christened in soda water.

Second child of Reginald Vanderbilt and only child of the second Mrs. Vanderbilt, little Gloria arrived as an agreeable surprise to her parents. As most of the United States knows, Mr. Vanderbilt had practically no estate left at the time of his second marriage except the trust fund which devolved to his heirs. In "Vital Vanderbilts" in the February issue of Cosmopolitan, Cholly Knickerbocker tells us that no one in the family was happier about the new baby than the butler, Norton. When Bishop Shipman demanded the font at the christening, Norton solemnly poured the bubbly contents of a soda water bottle into a great silver bowl, a horse show trophy.

Present-day Vanderbilts have entirely broken away from the solemn social behaviour of their predecessors. William H. Vanderbilt, first son of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, who died heroically in the Lusitania sinking, is a beloved and democratic Governor of Rhode Island; George, second son, has become a justly famous explorer; Alfred Gwynne Jr., all of the racing world and most of the rest of the world knows as one of



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the most spectacularly successful race track heads in the country, as well as an outstanding sportsman.

Of the other branches, Cornelius Vanderbilt junior has become a lecturer much in demand, after a fling at journalism. The descendants of Willie K., Mr. Knickerbocker tells us, are rather aloof from their cousins. They are: Muriel (Phelps) and Consuelo (Davis) and the two sons of the ill-starred Consuelo who was forced by her mother to marry the Duke of Marlborough, the present Duk of Marlborough and Lord Ivor Charles Spencer-Churchill.

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More Pore Sharecroppers

It is becoming increasingly evident to the right thinking element—with the possible exception of the Post-Dispatch and a few other large city papers—that the "plight of the pore Southeast Missouri sharecroppers" is largely a scarecrow used by unionizers to fatten their own pocketbooks.

We have tried in a small way to find some of the 1000 or 1500 sharecropper families who have been ruthlessly dispossessed, driven from warm shelter, deprived of livelihood, and forced out into snow, sleet and cold. So far our survey has failed miserably. Furthermore, we doubt seriously whether the St. Louis Star-Times or the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, or for that matter Governor Lloyd Stark, could find very many.

We do know that most of the agitation around here is coming through one Rev. Owen H. Whitfield (Negro), who looks fat and well fed, and who apparently is being pretty well cared for in Kirkwood, Mo. It is also generally understood that some of the roadside signs have been posted by someone driving an automobile with a Tenenssee license, and not by some dispossessed sharecroppers.

In our estimation Governor Stark made a serious mistake when he stuck his neck out last Friday when he was photographed in close communion with Whitfield and some FSA official. But that's beside the point.

For the past 40 years it has been customary in this district to issue notices to move, effective January 1. That does not necessarily mean that such families are forced from the premises. For years on end this movement from farm to farm has been going on, quietly, orderly—taken as an accepted fact without fanfare, without publicity. It was taken for granted.

But someone just a bit smarter than the rest saw in this movement a possibility of making a bit of extra change. The said sharecroppers were "organized." A roadside demonstration was staged last year. It is said with some degree of knowledge, that the said demonstration last year resulted in parting Uncle Sam with about $25,000,000 in grant checks, FSA fummadiddles, and what not. The cash consideration was sufficient at any rate to cause the promoters to try the same tactics again this year.

The fact is that sharecroppers, tenants and landowners last year experienced an excellent crop year. They bought more furniture, more clothing, more foodstuffs, more automobiles than for many a year. And yet there is talk of another "demonstration." Somebody is getting "sucked in" to use a common and vulgar expression.

The special writers, feature pluggers and female tear jerkers sent out by the metropolitan press might look into their own back yards and find conditions more deplorable, than any in the cotton country.

And as far as Governor Stark is concerned, we suggest in all humility that he sticks to apples. He may know something about fruit.—Charleston Courier.

This Week in Missouri History

"Minute Men" of 1861

Months before the opening of the Civil war, St. Louis became a hot-bed of Union and pro-Southern sentiment. One enthusiastic band of southern sympathizers met on January 7, 1861, seventy-nine years ago this week, and organized what they called the Minute Men. This small group of about 300 men managed from that time on to keep the "Wide Awakes" and other northern clubs in a constant state of fear. They made the Berthold House, on Ffth and Pine streets, their stronghold, flew a Confederate flag over it, and from there came forth to heckel and even sometimes stone the parading Union men.

The Minute Men immediately began to organize companies of soldiers. They admitted no man who did not believe that the interest, the safety, and the honor of Missouri required that direct attacks be made against the abolitionists. They were also pledged to fight, if need be, "under the flag of Missouri" to defend the State against an invasion by Union forces. They became especially strong in the central and northern parts of the city, where they kept recruiters busy. Each night they paraded, with fife and drums, or with little secrecy drilled their men.

Save for the conservative advice of Governor Jackson, it seems certain that the Minute Men would have seized the St. Louis arsenal, one of the most important strongholds held by the federal government in a slave state. A high stone wall on all but the river front side hemmed in this fifty-six acre tract in the southern part of St. Louis. Within the walls and independent of the workshops were four large buildings which formed a rectangle. Buildings of solid masonry flanked the main arsenal building on their side. Here 60,000 stands of arms were stored, compared with not more than 150,000 in the entire South, as well as 200 barrels of powder, a considerable number of cannon, and other supplies. The subtreasury, also in St. Louis, held only slightly less than $1,000,000 of federal money.

At the time the Minute Men organized and first proposed to move against this post it had practically no protection. Governor Jackson estimated that ten men could capture it. He did not wish to take the initiative in precipitating civil strife, however, and advised waiting. The officers in command at the arsenal sympathized with the South, and evidence shows they were pledged to turn over the arsenal to State forces at the outbreak of hostilities.

By waiting, the Minute Men lost the arsenal. Blair and General Nathaniel Lyon spent sleepless nights guarding, in an extra-legal manner, this important munitions store. They brought pressure to bear on public authorities, moved troops in, and prepared for its defense.

The Minute Men and their young southern leaders continued to recruit, drill, and irritate the enemy. They organized six companies under the command of such men as Basil W. Duke, later famous as a Morgan raider and a brigadier-general in the Confederate army, Colton Greene, O. H. Barritt, J. H. Shackelford and others. Although this group probably never numbered more than 300 men, because of their activity some of the enemy estimated their numbers to be near 1500. They elected J. R. Shaler as their major, and on May 3, 1861, joined the State troops, becoming a part of Col. John S. Bowen's regiment.

When General Nathaniel Lyon captured Camp Jackson on May 12, 1861, he took the Minute Men, together with several other companies of State troops, as his prisoners. In this Union victory the Minute Men lost their identity as an organization. It is believed, however, that practically every member of the band joined the southern army. Some, like Basil W. Duke, became known throughout the North and South as brave, courageous and determined soldiers.

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WILSON BELL

Candidate for State Treasurer is Wilson Bell, Potosi editor, on the Democratic ticket. He served as chairman of the state party's 1938 campaign and has been prominent in Democratic politics for many years.

Agencies Join

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Robertson, Kennett employment office.

At the Friday meeting were Jas. W. Doarn of Jefferson City, state director, and Mr. Wedeking, representing the employment service; Stephen Hughes of Columbia, state director, A. Van Husk from the Inidanapolis regional office, and Carl Ross of this city, district director, representing the FSA; E. P. Coleman of Sikeston and Joe Moore of Charleston, of the governor's committee.

DEATH CLAIMS NIECE OF MRS. J. A. YOUNG

Word was received by Mrs. J. A. Young Monday morning that here niece, Mrs. Ruth Bush Adams, had died at Barnes Hospital. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bush of Bismarck, Mo., who are now in Houston, Texas, where Mrs. Buch is critically ill. Mrs. Adams was nurse at Barnes Hospital.

Funeral services will be held this (Tuesday) afternoon at Bismarck. Surviving are her husband, Frank Adams, her parents, a brother, Ray Bush of Kansas City, Mo., an aunt, Mrs. J. A. Young of Sikeston, and an uncle, Rev. Clarence Burton of De Soto, Mo.

CARD OF THANKS

We extend thanks to the pall bearers, friends, those who sent flowers and anyone who in any way assisted during the recent illness and death of our beloved husband and father.—Mrs. C. E. Robbs and Family.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Rayburn and family visited Mrs. Mae Berhardt in Cape Girardeau Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Moore spent Sunday in Blytheville, Ark., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Houchins.

J. P. Roach, who has been confined to his bed for the past several days, was reported to be convalescing Monday.

The O. E. S. Birthday Club will meet Wednesday for a covered dish luncheon at the home of the club president, Mrs. H. E. Dudley.

Elmos and Orville Taylor left Monday for New Orleans, La., in response to a message that their aunt, Mrs. C. C. Wood was seriously ill.

The condition of Mrs. Mollie Watson, who has been confined to her home for the past several weeks suffering with an attack of gall stones, is reported as unimproved.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ensor, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk were dinner guests Saturday evening, of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chase in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Tidwell returned Sunday evening from St. Louis where they had been at the bedside of Walter Andres, who underwent an operation at Barnes Hospital for brain tumor.

Mrs. C. C. Pinnell and her guest, Mrs. Charles Graham of Bellingham, Wash., accompanied the former's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pinnell Jr. to their home in Paragould, Ark. Sunday afternoon, where they will visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Dill of Carbondale, Ill., spent Thursday night and Friday at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Jack Shuppert, with Mr. Dill's mother, Mrs. A. B. Dill, who is ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Dill is 84 years of age.

Mrs. Ruby Hamby is confined to her home suffering of a back injury which she received last week when she slipped and fell down the steps of a friend's home in East St. Louis, Ill., where she was a guest. Mrs. Hamby has been confined to her home since her return last Friday.

Mrs. C. B. Poage, Mrs. Elmer Poage and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilbur were in Cape Girardeau Monday morning where the ladies visited Mrs. E. W. Davis, who has been a patient in St. Francis Hospital for the past several months. They report her condition as steadily improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Corrigan and son, James, of Poplar Bluff were guests of Mrs. Corrigan's mother, Mrs. Betty Matthews, Sunday. They were accompanied home by Miss Margaret Corrigan, who visited her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Corrigan, last week.

NEW PARTNERS IN FORD AGENCY





Herb Walton and Ralph Williams, proprietors of the Williams Motor Co., successors to J. Wimmiam Foley in selling Ford automobiles in Sikeston.

Ralph Moody entered Barnes Hospital in St. Louis Saturday morning for treatment and a possible operation. He was accompanied to the hospital by Mrs. Moody, D. H. and Lee Page, who returned home Sunday. Mrs. Moody will return to St. Louis today to visit her husband.

Mrs. C. C. Pinnell entertained at dinner Sunday, honoring Mrs. Charles Graham of Bellingham, Wash., a niece of Mr. Pinnell, who is a guest in their home. The guests included Mrs. Effie Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Limbaugh, Mrs. Byford Greer and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pinnell Jr. of Paragould, Ark.

When your car is going down a long, steep hill, the best procedure is to shift into low gear, and apply the foot brake as required.

GOVERNOR ISSUES SHEEP SCAB PROCLAMATION

Dr. H. E. Curry, State Veterinarian of the State Department of Agriculture, has certified to all the County Courts of Missouri a proclamation issued by Governor Lloyd C. Stark, immediately putting into effect reasonably yet strict regulations for the movement of sheep in intrastate commerce, because of the growing prevalance of scabies, commonly called "sheep scab." Scott County Extension Agent Leon Lane has received a copy of the proclamation containing the regulations, which may be examined at his office by an citizen of Scott County.

An agreement has been negotiated between Commissioner Mays of the Missouri State Department of Agriculture and Dr. John R. Mohler, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, for Federal State Co-operation sheep scab eradication program; and veterinary inspectors in the Federal service have been assigned to the force of Dr. W. F. Biles, U. S. D. A. Bureau Inspector, to assist in the campaign.

Dr. H. E. Curry, State Veterinarian, in discussing the increasing prevalance of sheep scab in Missouri, says that "Sheep scab is a contagious skin disease caused by small parasites (Psoroptes ovis), commonly known as sheep scab mite. The disease is easily transmitted from an infected animal to another, and spreads very rapidly after the infection is introduced into a flock. When allowed to spread, sheep scab may cause great financial losses."

"Fortunately, we have practical ways and means of controlling and eradicating the disease. Treatment consists of dipping in a lime and sulphur solution or solution of nicotine sulphate. Applications will not be effective, however, unless dipping solutions ae properly made and the animals are properly dipped, preferably under the supervision of an experienced operator."

Arrangements will be made to hold sheep scab meetings in co-operation with the Agricultural Extension Service, Deputy State Veterinarians and U. S. D. A.

Safetygrams

BY FRED W. BRAUN © The Safety Man

Nowhere can we find accurate comprehensive countrywide figures on the relationship of alcohol to traffic accidents. The reasons for that are:

1. One state reports that 18.4 per cent of drivers involved in fatal accidents "had been drinking."

2. Several courts state that their studied opinion shows that liquor was involved in a certain per cent of all traffic accidents.

3. Some courts, in the same states, state that liquor was involved in even a higher per cent of accidents.

Therefore, police estimates, legal definitions, and court interpretations of the terms "intoxication" and "under the influence," are so variable that it is impossible to obtain definite figures.

All of us agree, however, that a man who has had two or three strong drinks certainly cannot have the accuracy and the alert judgment that he would have under normal conditions. We hope the time will soon come when driving after drinking will be placed in the same category as carrying concealed weapons, robbing, and similar infractions of law.

WILBUR ENSOR SUFFERS THROAT INFECTION

Wilbur Ensor of the State Highway Dept. Office was taken to Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau Saturday night, suffering with a strepococcic infection of the throat. He was stricken ill while attending a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Frank Chase in Cape Girardeau. His condition was slightly improved Monday.

Sheepshed Leicestershire, England, claims to be the largest village in England, with its 6000 inhabitants.

51 Battlers

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Eddie Culbertson, Morehouse middleweight, and Alvin Goddard, Essex battler.

FIGHT FOR FUN

Just for the glory that is in it, these men will fight from start to finish, putting out more than the professionals. There are two classes, "novice" for beginners who have never fought in a tourney, and "open" for all others. There can be eight champions in each division. Joe Louis, the world's heavy weight champ, got his start in the Golden Gloves.

The Jaycees have purchased several sets of fancy fighting trunks and other equipment to assure the crowd of all the trimmings.

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#4—Little Flower: On the charming side, this spun rayon dress with a weave all its own. Wine, navy, green, grey. 14 to 44. $7.95

Back of these dresses is a story — a *true* story. Good Housekeeping rang 500 doorbells and found that 350 of the women who answered were unprepared for visitors. Much as they tried they couldn't conceal their embarrassment. On being questioned most of them said they just didn't know what sort of dresses to buy for the thousand and one tasks of a busy day — taking Johnny to school, running over to the butcher's, shopping, entertaining a few of the girls at bridge. So Good Housekeeping decided to do something about it. They went out into the market in quest of just the right dresses for all around the house. These are what they found and what they picture on pages in the January issue of their magazine. And they're all four L'Aiglons! When you see them we're sure you'll agree with their choice.

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Bennett Clark says he is not interested in any political slate in Missouri as he is a Democrat and will support any ticket the voters nominate at the primary. Senator Clark has more political brains in his head than any other politician in the State and has plenty of guts in his body to back it up.

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The operation was a success is the report when doctors removed a walnut size tumor from the brain of Miss Dorothy Goodwin of near Blairstown. Four bible class members stood by to furnish the right type of blood for transfusions but to no availas the patient died.

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We asked Bildad Botts, our eminent research expert, if anything of a definite nature could be traced to New Year watch parties local ministers and their flocks hold as the old year peters out. After looking over 1,000,013 reports from his nation-wide organization the old scientist replied that, while spiritual benefits were next to nil, a lot in the way of material things could be credited to watch night parties. Pressed for particulars, Bildad pointed to a statistic which showed the sale of sixteen tons of headache powders and 113,013 gallons of nerve tonic to brothers and sisters whose systems had been up-set by imbibing too much church coffee, which another statistic proved to be the meanest in the world. A third statistic showed very substantial increases in fuel sales because of that extra operation of church heating plants, with similar benefits to electric light plants and food dispensaries. On the debit side, Old Doc Botts pointed to a statistic which showed the theft of 213 cars from which careless saints had neglected to remove keys, and the destruction by fire of 113 residences whose owners were attending watch night parties. Equally serious was a statistic which revealed that 100,-113 family quarrels had been reported by neighbors, quarrels in which the participants were husbands and wives who evidently were feeling pretty mean after losing all that sleep and drinking all that mean coffee. We consider this a very valuable piece of research.—Paris Appeal.

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An invitation has been extended to The Standard editor to bring a party and visit the Colony Club, four miles east of Cape Girardeau, and partake of a steak dinner they are specializing in, and we will do that very thing when the weather settles down to normal. This is said to be the finest club between St. Louis and Memphis. This invitation was extended by the management through R. D. Clayton.

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"Our New Year resolutions are many. We intend to show even more appreciation for those true friends who give us news and news tips; the more grateful than ever to the advertisers who get their copy in early in the week; to try harder to make the paper accurate and entertaining; to endeavor to make every issue one with which we can feel some satisfaction. Probably no one is critical of a newspaper then the men who make it, nor does anyone feel its defects more keenly. Yet the small-town weekly is essentially a community proposition and its newsworthiness depends in no small part upon the cooperation of its readers in helping to get the news to the paper. Even more, its worth to the community depends upon alert and agressive business men—for the character and amount of advertising in its newspaper is a very important index to a town's worth. The merchant who advertises steadily and wisely in an honest effort to increase his sales is not only building himself, but his town and newspaper as well." — Pleasant Hill Timse.

Figures show that, in areas where the population still is in a process of formation, the proportion of sexes has not had time to find its natural level. In Europe, there are more women than men, but in the New World the situation is reversed.

In the New England states, the distinction between huckleberries and blueberries is finely drawn, but in the south and middle west the names are more or less confused by the layman.

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PAROLE FIXER

By EDWARD CHURCHILL

Serialized from the PARAMOUNT PICTURE

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J. EDGAR HOOVER



CHAPTER SEVEN SYNOPSIS:

Following the kidnaping of Enid Casserly, socialite, and her fiance, Bruce Eaton, G-men Hanford, Waring and Britton suspect Steve Eddson, ranking public enemy of the job. Mrs. Thornton Casserly, Enid's mother, has been active in getting him paroled and has hired him as chauffeur. Mrs. Casserly, now aghast at what she has done, has ordered Eddson to take her for a drive while the G-men inspect her garage and Eddson's quarters. They have found mud and a pine needle, and have uncovered as further evidence some telephone numbers, one connecting them with the Owl Hotel and the other with the home of Tyler Craden, Eddson's attorney.

CHAPTER VIII

SPECIAL agents Scott Britton, Frank Preston and Ross Waring visited the Owl Hotel with a search warrant. While Preston "entertained" the fresh clerk, Britton and Waring had a look inside room number forty-two. The first clue was in the form of a bill from an installment plan jewelry company addressed to one Francis O'Donnell.

"Francis O'Donnell!" Britton mused. "Sounds like a phoney."

"Well," replied Waring, "the fingerprints won't be.

He found some. The next evidence they gathered was mud caked on the instep of the right shoe they found in the closet. Then, with their evidence, they returned to the field offices. Stebbins, the technician, disappeared into his laboratory with it. Later, he reported:

"Sample Number One, taken from the brake pedal of Miss Casserly's roadster, matches with Sample Number Three, scraped from O'Donnell's right shoe. There are mica fragments as well as small pieces of pine needles in both samples."

He paused.

"Sample Number Two, however, which you say you dug out of the tires on Miss Casserly's car, contains no trace of mica or of pine needles."

Britton snapped his fingers.

"I think I have it! My guess is that Enid Casserly and Bruce Eaton were stopped enroute to the horse show and transferred to another car. This O'Donnell drove her roadster back to the Casserly home."

"I'll string with you on that, Scott," Waring said. He turned to Stebbins. "Where's the exact spot the mica and pine needles came from?" he asked.

"Mica and pine needles mean mountains. The nearest mountains are across the state line."

"Then that gives us jurisdiction in this case." Britton exclaimed. Hanford entered the room.

"I've just had a call from Washington on those fingerprints," he said. "Mr. Francis O'Donnell is better known as Big Boy Bradmore!"

"That's all I want to know!" snapped Britton.

"Here's where we square things for George Mattison!" Waring exclaimed. "We'll go to the Owl Hotel and—"

"You stay away from the Owl Hotel," Hanford interrupted. "I'd like to step over there and take him, too. But we can't make a move now without tipping our hand. We still don't know where those kids are. You fellows better run down to Aunt Lindy's and cool off over a nice hot lunch."

The two men agreed with this wise suggestion. A short time later they entered the cafe. Sitting in a booth were Tyler Craden and his secretary, Collette Menthe. Aunt Lindy was just finishing serving them and moving on to the next table.



"Sample Number One, taken from the brake pedal of Miss Casserly's roadster, matches with Sample Number Three, scraped from O'Donnell's right shoe. There are mica fragments as well as small pieces of pine needles in both samples."

"Why do you insist on eating here all the time?" Miss Menthe asked Craden.

He smiled wisely.

"Our friends of the F.B.I. eat here—"

"It's like putting your neck into the guillotine and daring them to drop the knife, isn't it?"

"It's convenient to enjoy good food and watch the enemy at the same time. I'm smarter than they are. Look—here come Waring and Britton now."

Both G-men spotted Craden and his secretary. Waring indicated to Britton that he should look at Craden's trouser leg. Britton did so. He saw the same thing Waring had seen—a tiny sprig of pine needles on Craden's trousers.

Aunt Lindy came up. Britton motioned her to bend close to him and whispered in her ear. She nodded, disappeared into the kitchen, returned with a pie which she took to Craden. She asked Craden to look at it and decide if he didn't want a slice.

"I'm afraid I can't resist it—I'd better have some—" said Craden.

Aunt Lindy, purposely careless, allowed the pie to slip out or her hand onto Craden's knee. Immediately she dropped to her knees, took her neckerchief, dipped it in water and made repairs, exclaiming:

"Ah's certainly careless! Now, jest yo' sit still an' let me clean this yere up!"

Skillfully she dumped out the dirt in his trouser cuffs, catching whatever fell out in her hand. Then she retreated.

Later that day, Stebbins reported:

"Well, gentlemen, this mud and these pine needles came from the same place as the mud and pine needles you found on Big Boy Bradmore's shoe, according to the Epi polarizer."

"Everything fits," said Waring. Craden was Bradmore's lawyer. He's Eddson's lawyer."

"Yes," agreed Hanford, "we're ready for our first move."

Stiles, Hanford's secretary, entered.

"Mr. Porter, Mrs. Casserly's lawyer, to see you—"

"Send him in."

Porter revealed a carefully protected envelope.

"Here you are, gentlemen," he said. "This arrived at the Casserly estate half an hour ago. I handled it carefully, as you told me."

Hanford took the envelope, opened it gingerly. He read aloud:

"We'll give you three days in which to get one hundred thousand dollars in unmarked ten and twenty dollar bills. When you have the money ready, put an ad in the personal column saying, 'John—everything is okay—Ethel. Then you'll get further instructions."

The note was signed "Monarch."

Waring asked Porter:

"Did you bring Mrs. Casserly's permission to tap her telephone line?"

Porter nodded.

"Preston'll handle that phase of it," Hanford decided. "Meanwhile we have to prepare a second kidnap note of our own, just as we've discussed it. Special delivery and all, including the phoney fingerprint. Let Eddson read the one we make after you've shown him the real one, Mr. Porter."

He gave the lawyer the note.

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Perryville Is 33-10 Victim Of Bulldogs

Displaying consistently good form, Coach Vernon Green's Bulldogs had things pretty much their own way Friday night at Perryville and defeated the Pirates, 33-10, holding the losers to a single field goal the entire evening.

The Growlers thus chalked up their fourth straight victory and made it five out of six for the season.

Not from the beginning were the Sikeston men pressed by the Pirates. They jumped into the lead and held it. Perryville's only action shot, its first score, came late in the first period, which ended, 9-2. At the half it was 18-5, and the three-quarter turn found it 28-7. Eight free tosses kept Perryville from a near-shutout.

Coach Green used 11 men. Swacker, who was guarded pretty closely, registered 10 points for the night's high, although the shooting was well-divided, Lumsden and Lambert gaining three buckets apiece, Simmons two, Bowman a field goal and two free tosses, and Montgomery a basket and a line throw.

Sikeston	FG	FT	PF	TP
Lumsden, f.	3	0	1	6
Diehl, f.	0	0	0	0
Simmons, f.	2	0	3	4
Montgomery, f.	1	1	1	3
D. Waggener, f.	0	0	0	0
Swacker, c.	4	2	1	10
S. Waggener, c.	0	0	0	0
Bowman, g.	1	2	2	4
Rafferty, g.	0	0	0	0
Lambert, g.	3	0	0	6
Engram, g.	0	0	1	0
	14	5	9	33

Perryville	FG	FT	PF	TP
Brinkman, f.	0	2	2	2
Killian, f.	0	1	3	1
Natner, f.	0	0	0	0
Lancaster, c.	0	2	1	2
Yamnatz, c.	0	0	0	0
Weber, f.	0	2	2	2
Blaylock, g.	1	1	1	3
Lemasters, g.	0	0	0	0
	1	8	9	10

Score by periods:

Sikeston	9	9	10	5—33
Perryville	1	4	2	3—10

Referee—Joe McDonnell, Cape Girardeau.

DIEHLSTADT WINS TWO FROM BLODGETT

Diehlstadt High School boys made it nine wins in 10 starts Friday on their home court, defeating Blodgett High School, 22-17. The Diehlstadt girls beat Blodgett, 33-8.

KEWANEE WINS 7TH STRAIGHT CONTEST

Kewanee High School tripped Matthews, 31-27, for its seventh consecutive victory Friday night at Kewanee. Thompson with 11 points led the winners.

CAPE CENTRAL BEATS JACKSON HIGH, 23-14

Cape Girardeau Central defeated Jackson High at Cape Friday ngiht, 23-14, leading at the half, 14-8. Central scoring was spread out, Bud Burns, center, leading with six points.

A cow will eat almost anything. Out in California they are making cull oranges into silage and feeding this to their cows. Out in Washington they feed cull apples to cattle while in the East, some dairymen feed them fish meat and meat scraps for protein.

The Standard $2.00 per year.

Legal Notices!

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Laura Schroff, Administratrix of the estate of J. W. Schroff, deceased, wlil make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administratrix at the term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be holden at Benton in said county, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1940.

LAURA SCHROFF,
Administratrix.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Mary R. Roth, Administratrix of the estate of Florence W. Rodes, deceased, will make final settlement of her accounts with said estate as such Administratrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be holden at Benton in said county, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1940.

MARY R. ROTH,

Novice Bulldogs Conquer Young Pirates, 19-4

Paced by D. B. Waggener, who dropped in seven field goals, the Bulldogs second string defeated the neophyte Perryville team there Friday night, 19-4. The junior Pirates' points were made on two field shots. The half-time count was 9-2.

The Growler "B" team has won all four of its games this year by lopsided score.

Sikeston	FG	FT	PF	TP
Engram, f.	1	0	0	2
D. Waggener, f.	7	0	0	14
S. Waggener, c.	1	1	1	3
Edwards, c.	0	0	0	0
Old, g.	0	0	1	0
Matthews, g.	0	0	1	0
Rafferty, g.	0	0	0	0
	9	1	3	19

Perryville	FG	FT	PF	TP
Guth, f.	0	0	0	0
Fosson, f.	0	0	0	0
Phillips, f.	1	0	0	2
Rhodes, f.	0	0	1	0
Clark, c.	0	0	2	0
Eggers, c.	0	0	0	0
Natner, c.	0	0	0	0
Klump, g.	0	0	0	0
Botorfeder, g.	0	0	0	0
Noenn, g.	1	0	0	0
Luffer, g.	0	0	0	0
	2	0	3	4

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION REPORTED SET FOR MID-JULY

Washington, Jan. 11.—Reports circulated in the Senate today that the Democratic National Committee would set the party's national convention for mid-July in an effort to force the Republican convention into early August.

Republican Chairman Hamilton and several other party leaders have been represented as desiring to hold their convention after the Democrats nominate their candidates and adopt their platform.

This may provoke a split in the Republican National Committee, however, for several Republican leaders expressed the view that their party should pick a convention date without regard to the Democrats.

If the Democrats should agree on a mid-July convention, the Republicans probably would have to decide whether to meet in late June or early August. They will make their decision Feb. 16 at a National Committee meeting, 11 days after the Democrats pick their convention date and place.

PARAGRAPHS FROM ST. LOUIS STAR-TIMES

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East Prairie to Invade Growler Court Tuesday

With the best-oiled Bulldog scoring machinery in years, Sikeston engages in a home basketball game here Tuesday night after two road trips, taking on Hugh May's East Prairie Eagles.

The Growlers will be after their fifth triumph in a row and their sixth in seven games.

East Prairie holds victories over Charleston, Randles and Matthews. The team lost to Illmo the past Friday by three points and twice to the powerful Anniston team.

With their conquest over Perryville Friday, the Bulldogs have amassed 219 points in their six games, while their opponents have registered an even 100. This is an average of 36½ points per game for the Growlers, and not quite 17 per contest for the opposition.

The Sikeston "B" team, which has done quite well in its own right, will meet the East Prairie reserves in the first game, beginning at 7 o'clock. The younger Growlers have won every game in four appearances, each by a healthy margin.

JAPANESE WARNING TO FRANCE REPORTED

Shanghai, Jan. 11.—Neutral diplomatic sources said today that Japan had "notified" France to stop sending munitions into China from Indo-China effective January 23.

A Japanese army spokesman, asked of the report, said: "The situation is very delicate. I am unable to deny the report."

French sources declined comment.

China has been receiving munitions from Indo-China over the Tunnan railroad, extending from Haiphong on the Indo-China coast to Yunnanfu, capital of China's southwestern Yunnan, Province. The Yunnan railroad and the new highway from British Burma into Yunnan Province are the only arteries for war materials except as regards Russia.

A Japanese navy communique reported that Japanese airplanes in a fight with forty Chinese planes of Russian make had shot down fourteen Chinese planes and destroyed nine more which were grounded at Kweilin airport, over which the air battle took place.

Missouri Joins "March of Dimes"



WASHINGTON — Citizens of Missouri are enthusiastically behind the March of Dimes drive in the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign, Stewart McDonald, Federal Housing Administrator, (right), tells George E. Allen, Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Allen is Chairman of the "March of Dimes" Committee, which is a division of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, of which Keith Morgan is National Chairman.

Commissioner Allen will be in charge of the "March of Dimes" birthday card feature. These greeting cards distributed throughout this state, will be filled with dimes and mailed to President Roosevelt at the White House before his fifty-eighth birthday on January 30th. In this manner those who contribute will join with the President in the war against this crippling disease.

One-half of the donations received at the White House will be returned to Missouri and the other one-half will be sent to the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday to be turned over to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Every dime will be accounted for, under the direction of a nationally known firm of auditors.

STIMSON WANTS CONGRESS TO FORBID ARMS TO JAPAN

New York, Jan. 11.—Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of State, proposed yesterday in a letter to the New York Times that Congress prohibit export of arms, munitions or raw materials for arms to Japan.

He urged extension of the "moral embargo," but added he believed legislation was needed to impress Japan with "the seriousness of the feeling of our people as to this matter."

He contended some merchants in the United States had been aiding Japan by "selling to Japan the ore, steel and scrap iron indispensable for her bombs," while "large oil producers . . . are selling to her the even more indispensable aviation gasoline for her planes."

Traffic authorities estimate that wet roads are two to four times more slippery than dry roads, and snow or ice-covered pavements are five to ten times more slippery than dry roads.

Mariam: 'Mabel says she is wildly in love with her new car."

Doctor: "Just another case where a man is displaced by machinery."



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50th District Masons to Meet

The 50th District Masonic Association will hold its annual meeting here Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Methodist Church. The program will be:

Song, "America"; invocation; address of welcome, Roger A. Bailey; response, Rev. R. L. Allen, Bloomfield, district president; vocal selection, Mrs. Honora Bailey Fink; address, Rev. John L. Taylor of Sikeston; round table discussion; roll call of lodges; report of secretary-treasurer; adjournment.

Other district officers are Dr. G. A. Sample of Chaffee, district deputy grand master; Ben Hill of Illmo, vice-president, and L. E. Estes of Essex, secretary-treasurer.

CAVE WON'T RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Columbia, Mo., Jan. 11.—Former State Senator Nick T. Cave, who recently resigned as chairman of the State Social Security Commission, today said he would not seek the Democratic nomination for Governor this year.

Cave said it "did not seem wise" for him to run and that the announcement was made now "so that my friends may be free to support any candidate they desire."

Production of the new British Museum catalog containing 2,000,000 titles, cost approximately $1,000,000.

FOR A JAB IN THE RIBS

Inquisitive Gentleman — "Why do you wear such a big bustle?"

Embarrassed Lady—"Sir, I have no bustle."

"I'm all upset. We had to kill our dog this morning."

"Was he mad?"

"Well, he wasn't any too well pleased."

"My eyes are so tired this evening," said the Sophomore boy.

"They shouldn't be," replied Gertie, "they've been resting on my knees for the past hour."

Sailor (home on leave): "I met my old girl today. Haven't seen her in ten years."

Friend: "Has she kept her girlish figure?"

Sailor: "Kept it? She's doubled it."

The aepyornis, an extinct bird, laid an egg that was equal to a gross of hen's eggs.

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City Collector

Iowa Farm Life Is Backdrop For Novel Reviewed Here

"THREE MILES SQUARE"

by Paul Corey

(The following review was given by Miss Blair Law, Sikeston librarian, last week before the Woman's Club.)

There are, in general, two divergent ideologies available for the writer of the so-called "rural novel" to follow. First, he can follow the dictates of the school of Realism. If he follows the ideology of the Realist he will probably conceive of life on the farm as a tragedy; he will point out every possible discomfort which living on a farm entails; he will show that the lives of farmers, the lives of "all' farmers, are mean, ugly, thwarted; he will show that even Nature herself seems to 'have it in' for her rural children, and, that at every possible opportunity, she, Nature, visits her children with flood, frost, drought, fire, hail, windstorm and all such disasters as any competent insurance salesman could graphically unfold; in the end of the story all the characters will have either escaped to the city, been frustrated, killed off, or crippled (mentally, morally, physically or spiritually). Such is the usual procedure of the Realistic novelist. But if this kind of attitude toward life does not suit the writer of the rural novel he can turn to the school of the Romanticists. If he becomes a Romantic he will probably have much to say about the beauties of Nature; the family life will be compact and well organized and the occasional conflicts within the family will only, in the end, serve to bind them the closer together; for the Romanticist the farm will be the ultimate escape from the futility of city living, the last refuge of the tormented soul; despite the fact that Nature sometimes blows roughly upon her rural children the Romanticist will see to it that all is salvaged in the end, the flood did not sweep the barn entirely away, the rain came just in the nick of time to save the harvest from being completely burned up by the drought; the characters, at the end of the story will have become victors, not victims, of farm life, and they will live out the rest of their lives, like the prince and princess of the fairy story, "happily ever after."

EVERYDAY THEME

But Paul Corey, in "Three Miles Square," has chosen to follow neither the ideology of the Realist nor the idealogy of the Romanticist, but has forged for himself a new kind of school of writing the rural novel. There is no name available for his school but perhaps we can formulate some kind of idea of what it is like if we say that it takes the best from both schools and fuses them together and comes out with something new and quite interesting. For Paul Corey, the farm is neither the abode of the blessed or the damned; the farm is a patch of land where people live out there lives; there is happiness, there is sorrow for the farm dweller, sometimes more happiness than sorrow, sometimes more sorrow than happiness. But Corey is more of a reporter of facts than a follower of ideologies. He knows farm life, he knows people, he has no particular axe to grind, he is convinced that honesty is fhe best policy.

The story is primarily concerned with the maturing of the children of Chris Mantz and their struggle for existence on their Iowa farm. When Bessie Mantz is widowed the eldest son, Andrew is just fourteen. Bessie is tempted, at first, to sell the farm and buy a store in town. She can not see how, now that her husband is dead and she is left with four small children, she can manage a 160-acre farm alone. Andrew, knowing that his father had great dreams about the farm, finally convinces his mother that he is man enough to manage the farm as his father would have wanted it to be managed, and Bessie, convinced almost against her will, throws herself into the work of farming and educating her four children.

WIDOW'S PROBLEMS

Widow Mantz wants her children to have college education. It is one her driving desires. Andrew can work the farm until time for him to go to school and then he can turn the running of the farm over to his next youngest brother, Wolmar. In her mind Bessie Mantz works out the problem of education.

But there are temptations for Bessie. There is always the escape into matrimony, for then there would be a grown man about the place, one who could take the burden of responsibility from her shoulders, one who could make the children behave, one who could quench the desires which burned like wildfire inside her. And she almost accepts Billy Hildebrande. It is really a strange little incident which keeps her a widow, keeps her driving on, alone, without a husband. Bessie decides to leave the final decision as to whether or not she is to marry again up to the reaction of the baby, Otto.

The life of a widow is not an easy life under any circumstances. Man, being what he is, will take advantage of the weak and unprotected. First there is Lorei Jensen who is after her to sell her place which adjoins his; he has not even the common decency to wait until her, Bessie's, husband has had a chance to cool in his grave. Bessie does not sell. Jensen turns vindictive. If he cannot get the farm one way he'll get it another, he reasons, and then sets out to make life as miserable as possible for Bessie and her brood. Jensen gets the threshing crew to skip the threshing of Widow Mantz' place, knowing that they will be ruined financially unless they can thresh their grain; Andrew finally persuades the owner of a thresher in a nearby ring to thresh his grain, thereby averting disaster. Jensen, later, is in on a deal to dig an irrigation ditch which will cut the Mantz land in two, thereby destroying a portion of its value; there is no need for the ditch to cut the Mantz land in two, it is all Jensen's machination. And so it goes, one trouble after the other. But somehow, one does not feel too depressed, one cannot help admiring the honest-to-goodness spunk of the Mantzes.

YOUTH'S FULFILLMENT

Chris Mantz had always wanted to be an architect. From his father Andrew caught the fever of architecture. It is this unfulfilled dream of Chris' which, passed on to Andrew, gives the boy sufficient drive to carry on his almost-unhuman task. It is the memory of Chris and his dreams of the future of the farm which keep the family going in their difficult moments. But the living have a curious way of deciding their own fate, and neither the memory of the desires of dear ones dead nor the tangible desires of dear ones living have much strength against the force of desires of youngsters. In the end it is only Andrew, half-dreamer, half-realist, who carries out the well-laid plans of Bessie and the dreams of Chris. Verney, the daughter, runs away to marry Clem, a mechanic on the ditch digging gang; Wolmar does not stay on the farm to take Chris' place when he is to go to school to become an architect, but takes Clem's place on the ditch digging crew; Otto remains to take Chris' place on the farm.

But the Mantz family is only the center of the book. Their periphery, the "three miles square," is crowded with neighbors who help and hinder them. There are Lorel and Lou Jensen who covet the Mantz farm; there is the drunken Faherty Dugan and his family of dirty children; there is Bernadette, the girl who Andrew almost marries; there is Pat, the cook for the dredger crew who talks undigested communism to little Otto and feeds him delicious pie which negates the effect of his political philosophy; there is the discontented school teacher, Miss Larch, who gets Billy Hildebrande.

Among the more memorable moments in "Three Miles Square" is the death and burial of Sunshine, Andrew's favorite horse. Memorable also are the scenes in which Andrew struggles with himself over his desire to become an architect and his love for Bernodette.

DETAIL VS. OVERTONES

It is inevitable that "Three Miles Square" be compared to another recent novel of farm life in the middlewest, Herbert Krause's "Wind Without Rain." The reality, the truth, as it were, about farm life, which Paul Corey seeks to establish by means of an over abundance of detail, Herbert Krause seeks to establish by means of a sort of poetic research into the nature of things and people. One is the technique of the journalist, the other is the technique of the novelist; this is not to speak disparagingly of either technique. If it was Paul Corey's purpose to give a readable, accurrate, and objective picture of farm life, he has succeeded; he fails just where Mr. Krause succeeds, for while we know all about Corey's characters, we seldom feel that we have actually penetrated inside them.

The above paragraphs are not intended to subtract from Paul Corey's very genuine gifts as a craftsman. The fabric of his story he has woven well; it is quietly and undeniably the essence of Iowa.

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

Window Shopping in New York

By JANE ROVER

NEW YORK—If there's one single piece of wearing apparel the New York woman wants, above all others, it's a fur coat. I suppose it's that way all over the country, too, unless you're one of those lucky enough to live the year around in some place like Miami Beach where you can get along with a bathing suit, a sun bonnet, and dark glasses.

But here in New York, where cold weather has begun to set in, there's nothing more comforting just now than a fur coat. And this, incidentally, is the best time of the year to buy one, if you have any ideas along that line, *and* if Christmas spending has left anything in the family sugar bowl.

For fur retailers don't like to keep coats from one season to another, if they can help it, and during January, if you shop carefully, you can pick up some wonderful bargains. Practically everyone who sells furs is running a sale now, and the reductions in prices vary anywhere from 10 to 50 percent.

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Sheared beaver and racoon have been the leading gainers in fur popularity this winter. So far as style goes, the main trends have been towards coats cut to fit the figure more closely, and more coats of three-quarter lengths.

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The most inexpensive fur you can get is rabbit. A coat made of rabbit will cost you anywhere from $39.50 up to $100, and it might be called Mendoza Beaver, Northern Seal, Bonded Seal, Premier Seal, Lapin, or any one of half a dozen other names. Rabbit fur, though, is warm, and it can be made into good coats. Coats made of rabbit represent more than 70 percent of all fur coats sold in the U. S. every year. In the 19th Century a fur coat was a luxury enjoyed by only a very few women. Now, though, with the discovery of new ways to treat and prepare skins, and with a higher specialization of the fur coat industry, coats have come down to a price field closer and closer to the reach of the average shopper.

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At the opposite end of the price range there is the chinchilla, which retails from $25,000 up. The animal chinchilla is practically extinct (in Peru and Bolivia, where they are found, it is now against the law to kill or capture one), and chinchilla coats are nearly extinct. There's only one for sale in New Yerk. Bergdorf-Goodman's have it, and they're asking $27,500. "When we sell it," I was told, "we don't know where we can get another." There are less than a dozen owners of chinchilla coats here. They include women such as Lily Pons, Mary Pickford, Mrs. William Paley, wife of the president of CBS, Mrs. Wm. Randolph Hearst, and Mrs. Byron Foy, who inherited her chinchilla from her mother, Mrs. Walter P. Chrysler.

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The most expensive fur coat ever sold in this country (or sold anywhere, I should think) was a natural Russian sable that cost $100,000. Russian trappers started collecting the sables back in the first decade of the century. They were supposedly the most beautiful and the most perfectly matched ever seen, and were originally car-marked for the Czarina. About fifteen year ago the sables, made into a coat, were bought, and are still owned, by Mrs. Henry Ford.

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The principal fur producing countries are the United States, Russia, China, and Alaska. Our own top-ranking state is Louisiana (muskrat and raccoon). Fur coat manufacturing in this country is highly concentrated. Eighty percent of it can be found within a few blocks here in New York—along Seventh Avenue, between Twenty-Fourth and Thirty-First Streets.

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A good ermine coat will set you back not less than $500, but if your little boy, while out feeding the chickens, happened to step on a white weasel (from which ermine comes) and kill it, he couldn't get more than 90 cents for the pelt. That's because it takes 100 weasel pelts to make an ermine coat, and they must be matched and put together by expert workmanship.

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If you want to know where your money goes when you pay $49.50 for a new Northern Seal, here's an approximate break-down: $6 to the man who clubbed and skinned the rabbits, $7 to the dresser and dyer, $19 to the manufacturer, and $17.50 for shipping costs, and wholesale and retail profits

It is rumored that Britain and France are considering the purchase of American planes, and flying them across the Atlantic, thus saving six weeks in delivery time.

Benjamin Franklin Overdrawn At Bank Often, Records Show

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—Benjamin Franklin, the banks' symbol of thrift today, had his troubles keeping sufficient funds on deposit, early records of the Bank of North America have disclosed.

"The name 'Poor Richard' might easily have derived from his bank account rather than from his almanac," said President William Fulton Kurtz of the Pennsylvania Co. "He was overdrawn at the bank at least three days out of every week."

Kurtz's remarks were based on a perusal of the records of the Bank of North America, where Franklin and many of his compatriots kept their money.

Complete records of the bank, first one established in the United States, were turned over last night to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. They covered the period from 1781, when the Second Continental Congress chartered the institution as a means of providing supplies and finances for promoting the Revolutionary War, down to 1929, when the bank was absorbed by the Pennsylvania Co.

5 SMALL CHILDREN PERMITTED TO STAY WITH WIDOW IN JAIL

Gallatin, Mo., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Thesel Wilson, 40 years old, is in jail at Gallatin with two of her sons and a man on a charge involving theft of sheep. With her also are her five smaller children. When Sheriff Frank Sweany made the arrests last Sunday he found that Mrs. Wilson, a widow, had no one with whom to leave them, so he allowed them to come to jail with her.

The sons accused are Earnest, 18, and Doran, 16. The man is Herbert Elder, 29. The four, for whom preliminary hearings will be held Friday, were unable to post bond of $2000 each.

Sheriff Sweany's wife, matron and cook at the Daviess County jail, said the children appeared to be enjoying the experience. The girls, Leona May, 10, Barbara Jean, 7, and Mabeljoan, are staying in the women's quarters with their mother. The boys, Kenneth, 12, and Harl, 14, are in the men's cells with their brothers. Their father was killed in a fall two years ago.

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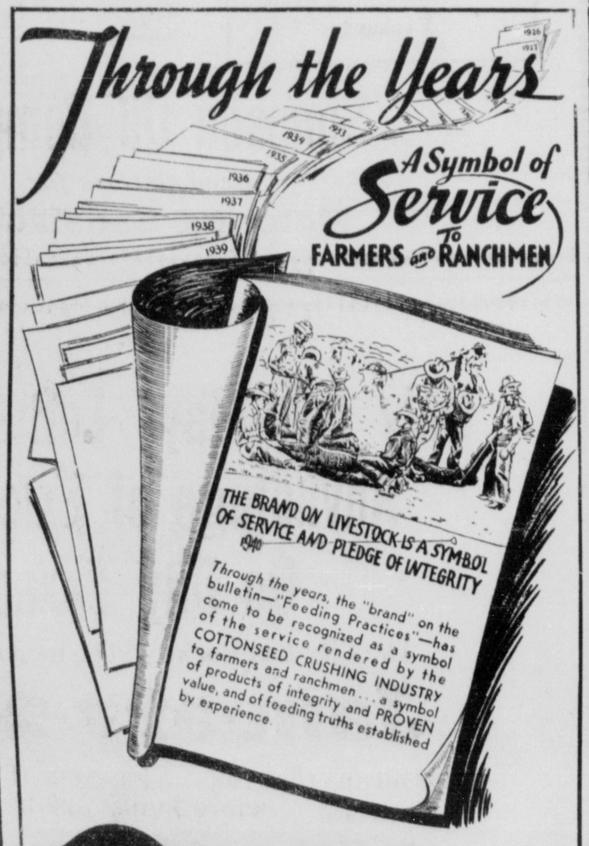
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3 Knockouts In Jaycee Boxing Show

Action galore with three technical knockouts gave the fans plenty to yell about Thursday evening at the armory, in a special show staged by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at tuneups for the Golden Gloves matches beginning this week.

There were 179 paid admissions. Nine bouts were fought.

Max Self, Kewanee, 160, won a technical kayo from Art Reed, Cape Girardeau, 158, in the second round.

Charles Turner, 165, Sikeston negro battler, took a first-round technical when Jimmy Lawson, 160, of Blodgett, gave up after a heavy rib blow.

W. A. Gray, 111-pound negro fighter of Sikeston, won when the referee stopped his bout with Bill Benton, 108, of Cape Girardeau.

FLYWEIGHTS FIGHT HARD

For flyweights, Benton and Gray put up some hard scrapping and kept the crowd roaring most of the time. Turner obviously was too potent for Lawson.

Another fast battle was staged between Buddy Jacobs, 118, of Cape Girardeau, and Ross Milbern, 130, of Sikeston. Jacobs had a fast, short jab, but Milbern stayed with him enough to gain a draw.

Willie Tollison of Kewanee, 145-pounder who has had considerable experience in the ring, won a decision from Floyd Crowley, 140, of Morehouse. Both men showed ability.

Probably the most popular bout of the evening was between Harold Taylor, 155, the Sikeston football player, and Ross Phillips, 155, of Cape Girardeau, won by Taylor on a decision. Phillips started fast as though to hold the upper hand, but Taylor unleashed himself the latter part of the first round and kept going to hold Phillips at bay most of the time. Twice he floored Phillips for the count of nine.

Wes Sizemore of Kewanee and Gene Alberson of Sikeston, both 110 pounds, fought to a draw.

In a colored match, Leon Shipp, 150, and Oscar Wilson, 145, Sikeston boxers, battled on even terms. This was a spectacular match, both men dishing out some large haymakers.

Douglas Tope, 128, and D. C. Duvall, 135, both of Sikeston, engaged in an exhibition bout.

Boxers from Cape Girardeau, Kewanee and Sikeston were featured.

Referees were E. G. Buchanan, O. T. Elder, and Ben Gines of Cape Girardeau.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Miss Pauline Goodge, who lives north of Sikeston, was brought home Friday morning in the Albritton ambulance. She recently underwent an appendix operation at St. Francis Hospital.

Girl Chicks to Play At Gray Ridge

A doubleheader basketball game will be played at the new Gray Ridge gymnasium this Monday evening, Jan. 15, the Diehlstadt Chicks, undefeated girls' team, meeting the unbeaten Midwest Dairy team of Cape Girardeau.

Proceeds will go to Gray Ridge and to Chicks. Judge Brown Jewell, business manager of the Chicks, said he had sent letters to 21 schools in the area announcing a new policy of charges at 20 and 10 cents, instead of 35 and 20 cents, in order to increase crowds and build up interest in basketball in general.



W. S. Knudsen, president of General Motors, C. L. McCuen, general manager of Oldsmobile, Governor Luren D. Dickinson of Michigan, R. E. Olds, founder of Oldsmobile and 300 veteran Oldsmobile employes shared this 220 pound birthday cake, presented to Charlie Blades, right above, at a big party in Lansing, on December 29th, honoring Oldsmobile's oldest employe, on his 80th anniversary. Blades is also the oldest employe in years of service in the entire automotive industry and his company is the oldest manufacturer in the motor car field.

Blackley King In Five-Man Ring Spree

Gene Blakely, unbeaten in the local ring, kept his slate clean Friday night in the "rassle royal" coming out on top after four others had gone under.

Blakley whipped Benny Bolt, the Sioux Indian, 29 minutes after the five-man riot began, in the last elimination. Lefty Pacer was first to go, in 9 minutes, and 6 minutes later Ole Olsen was flattened by the three remaining. Then the heavy Texan and Bolt dropped Joe Welch when 21 minutes had elapsed.

By his initial conquest, Blakley earned the right to watch the resultant matches. Olsen and Pacer, first out, met each other, the Chicago flash conquering the Minnesota Swede in two straight. Lefty took the first in a minute, using kangaroo kicks, and the second in 14 minutes by the same method, with some of Pacer's fancy uppercuts thrown in. The last fray was fast and furious.

Welch and Bolt used 48 minutes of wrestling time in mauling each other before Joe eked out his victory in the third fall. The Oklahoman was almost outsmarted by Bolt, who is 12 pounds lighter. The first fall went to Joe in 14 minutes with a rolling head scissors. The next went to Bold in 16 minutes with a series of flying tackles. It took Welch 18 minutes to subdue the South Dakota brave, this time with a crab hold.

SINGING CONVENTION AT KEWANEE JAN. 21

A United Singing Convention will be held on Sunday, Jan. 21, at Kewanee, according to J. L. McVey, clerk. It will begin at 10 a. m. A basket dinner will be served. Carl J. Gunn is president of the organization.

England consumes six bushels of wheat per head of population annually.

Chicks Defeat Vanduser, 40-27

Brown Jewell's Sikeston Chicks trounced the Vanduser Independent team there Thursday night, 40-27, leading all the way. Tope was high man with 15 points, and Long made eight for Sikeston. The local lineup was: Tope and Aldridge, forwards: Long, center; Davis and Billington, guards.

GENERAL DEATH RATE SHOWS DECLINE

That the people of the United States are learning to take better care of their health and are taking more interest in community health is borne out in the figures released by the United States Bureau of Census for 1938. From a rate of 112 deaths per 10,000 inhabitants in 1937, the rate dropped to 106 deaths in 1938 over the country. Infant mortality has likewise steadliy declined over the past five year period. Starting with a rate fo 601 deaths to each 10,000 live births in 1934, a yearly decrease has brought this down to 509 deaths for 10,000 live births in 1938 or a decrease of almost twenty per cent and a fifty per cent decrease since 1900.

Records in the State Department of Health show that Missouri played her part in this record year with the lowest death rate for 1938 of any recorded year with the exception of 1921. With a rate of 107 deaths for 10,000 inhabitants, this state had an average death rate of the country over.

As medical science has attacked and found new ways of effective treatment for almost every disease and with the impetus given all matters of health from the standpoint of prevention as well as cure and through an intensive public health program the life span has been lengthened to almost 62 years as the average life. Since 1900 there has been an increase of 12½ year of life expectancy for boys and 14 years for girls.

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

SUPREME COURT RULING TIGHTENS LIQUOR LAW; BRINGS STATE $36,000

The latest supreme court ruling on Missouri's liquor law has proved to be a double-barrelled victory for the state. Not only has the state received $36,000 as a result of the ruling but state liquor control department reports fewer liquor law violations.

A section of the liquor statutes provides that all liquor dealers must post a $2,000 bond before they may be licensed to sell intoxicating liquors. The law states that if the dealer violates the liquor control laws he must forfeit the total amount of the bond to the state.

Attorney general Roy McKittrick brought suit against a number of liquor dealers whose licenses had been suspended or revoked for law violations but who had not been required to forfeit their bonds. Two of these cases reached the supreme court, which recently ruled that if the violation were proved, the bonds must be forfeited.

After that decision, bonding companies which had issued bonds to dealers more or less without investigation, tightened their requirements. Several hundred bonds were cancelled outright and the companies installed systems of stringent investigation for bond applicants.

About $32,000 of the $36,000 collected so far by the attorney general's office in forfeited bonds have been voluntary settlements made by the bonding companies.

The state liquor department says reports of law violations have dropped and that an even greater reduction in the number of violations is expected as a result of the supreme court decision.

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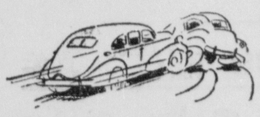
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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JAN. 18-19—
"FAST AND FURIOUS"
With Franchot Tone and Ann Southern
News and Shorts. Admission 10c and 26c
Box Office Open 6:30 to 9 p. m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20—
"DESPERATE TRAIL"
With John Mac Brown
SERIAL AND SHORTS
Admission 2 to 4 p. m.—10c and 16c
Admission 4 to 9 p. m.—10c and 21c

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, JAN. 21-22—
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With Gloria Jean and R. Cummings
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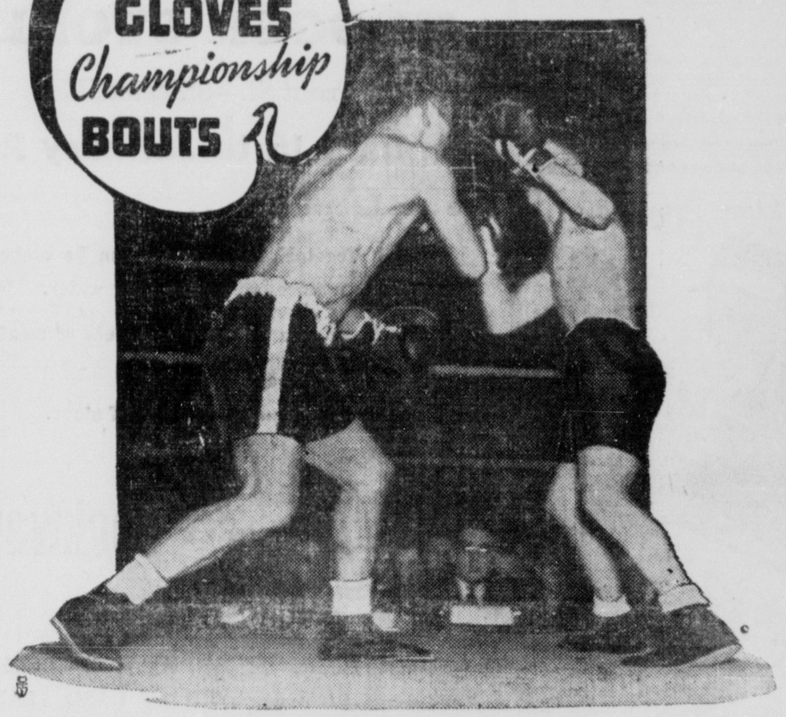
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Kiwanis Club Activities

By Bartley Schwegler

T. R. Coppedge, manager of the Sikeston Compress Company, was the guest Speaker at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Sikeston at the Marshall Hotel on Friday evening.

Mr. Coppedge reviewed the coming of the compress to Sikeston and what it has meant to the community in the short time it has been here. The compress company began active operation here about the first of May 1939 in buying the parcel of ground which was followed by the erection of the warehouses, offices and the placing of the compressing machinery. More than one and one half million feet of lumber were used and more than one million brick were laid in making this structure complete; then to find it too small before the end of the first year.

Mr. Coppedge stated that there were three specific services rendered by the compress:

The issuance of negotiable warehouse receipts for cotton placed in storage. The compress is under government supervision and their accounts are audited regularly by a government man.

The second service is providing a storage for cotton for the farmers. In storage it is safe from weather and climatic conditions.

Third, car-load shipments may be utilized in transporting cotton. It makes a concentration point. He pointed that when cotton comes from the gin only about forty bales may be put in a car; when compressed for domestic use about 100 bales make up a car load and when compressed for export that about 200 bales could be shipped in one car.

In telling of the operations for 1939 he stated that the Compress Company had estimated that 25,000 to 35.000 bales of cotton would be handled. But, that they had exceeded all expectations and that they had handled about 58,000 bales. He said that this had broken all records for presses in the first year of operation.

The compress had been a financial boon to Sikeston as more than $60,000 has been spent for labor only since the first of May. Mr. Coppedge stated that the firm and all members had been cordially received by Sikeston and vicinity. That it seemed to him that Sikeston was a logical and strategic point for a compress and wondered why one had not been built here sooner.

R. A. Harper president of the club was absent, J. S. Kevil, first vice president presided. The program was in charge of W. P. Wilkerson.

L. M. Standley announced that a training school for officials of the club would be held next Wednesday night.

It was also announced that the 25th anniversary of Kiwanis International would be celebrated the night of January 26th with a special program for the occasion.

The next meeting will be held Friday evening January 19th at the Marshall Hotel.

Sunday Night Suppers

By Katharine Fisher

Director, Good Housekeeping Institute

The best thing about having guests in for a Sunday night get-together is the unlimited latitude it allows the hostess as to the things served and the methods of serving. For the charm of Sunday night supper lies in simple formality that promises a restful change from weekday routine. The freer and more informal the hostess can make her Sunday evenings, the more at home her guests will feel.

Sunday night guests often find it fun if they can watch or take part in the cooking of some delectable concoction which is to be the *pièce de resistance* of supper. So, take your chafing dish or electric grill into the dining room, and cook the main dish of supper right before the guests. The ingredients needed for the dish can be measured into small attractive bowls and arranged with the necessary cooking tools upon a tray at the left of the person presiding at the chafing dish or grill. If you have a man guest, or a man in the family, who has a penchant for things culinary, let him try his hand at your Sunday night feasts.



KATHARINE FISHER
Director of Good Housekeeping Institute

Here is a menu that goes well on a night when the snow sparkles in the moonlight and you've just returned from an afternoon of skiing. It suggests dishes which can be made at the table.

Canned Onion Soup
Toasted Tongue and Relish Sandwiches
Grapes Chocolate Whipped-Cream Layer Cake
Coffee

The toasted sandwiches are both delicious and a spur to congenialty. It will help break the ice to let your guests make their own, while the soup is heating in the chafing dish. Arrange a tray with a plate of sliced bread surrounded by small bowls of the relish, and plates of sliced tongue. With a little coaching from you, each guest prepares and toasts his own sandwich in the sandwich toaster on an adjoining tray.

Toasted Tongue and Relish Sandwiches

(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

1 10-oz. jar tongue — Butter
12 slices bread — 4 tbsp. pickle relish

Slice the tongue and use as a filling between slices of buttered bread, using 1 tsp. of the pickle relish on each sandwich. Toast in a sandwich toaster or under broiler heat, or sauté in a skillet. Makes 6 full-sized sandwiches.

Chocolate Whipped-Cream Layer Cake

(Tested by Good Housekeeping Institute)

Use standard, approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level.

5 tbsp. cocoa — 1 tsp. plain, unflavored gelatin
⅛ c. powdered sugar — 1 tbsp. cold water
1½ tbsp. hot water — 1 c. heavy cream
2 tsp. vanilla extract — 2 8" layers plain or chocolate cake

Mix the cocoa and sugar to a paste with the hot water and vanilla. Add the gelatin, which has been soaked in the cold water for 5 min. and has been dissolved by setting over hot water. Then add this chocolate-gelatin mixture to the heavy cream, and beat until stiff. Use as a filling and topping for the cake layers.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

John Garner of Matthews, who has been confined at St. Francis Hospital the past few days for treatment of a liver disorder, was able to be returned to his home Sunday in the Albritton ambulance.

Sikeston Standard, $2 per year.

INJURY IMPROVED

Miss Peggy Wilson of Morehouse, who fell from her porch steps three months ago and suffered a broken hip and leg, was taken in the Albritton ambulance Saturday to the office of Dr. T. C. McClure to have the cast removed.

To make it easier for huge transport planes scheduled to make long distance hops to take off, the planes leaves the ground with a small gas load and then is fueled from the air by a flying tanker.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Gene Largent will entertain her card club Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Davis of Poplar Bluff were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Davis, Sunday.

Mrs. Charles D. Matthews Jr., and Miss Olga Matthews will leave Friday morning for Miami, Florida, to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Knupp and daughter, Peggy Earl, visited Mrs. Knupp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Givens in Mounds, Ill., Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Matthews III, daughter, Dot, son, Charles, and Mrs. Walter Clymer left Sunday to spend several weeks at Miami Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Ball had as guests over the week end Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Cline of LeRoy, Ill. They were enroute to the Gulf coast where they will remain for a month.

Mrs. W. W. Lankford and daughters, Misses Freda and Mary Ann, went to Memphis, Tenn., Sunday for a few days' stay. They expect to return home this (Tuesday) evening.

The Ebert-Kready Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. J. L. Taylor Thursday afternoon, Jan. 18, 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. J. N. Ross as hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pitman, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Davey and daughter, Miss Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Hill, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. James F. McMullin at their home near East Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and their nephew, John Dover, are leaving this (Tuesday) morning for a trip through the south, including Natchez, Miss., New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala., and into Florida where they will visit relatives in Winter Park and tour the state.

Word has been received here that Miss Jean, Miss Henriette and Miss Kate Ellen, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murtaugh of Hollywood, Calif., are playing at the State Lake Theatre in Chicago, Ill., in an act of their own. Mrs. Murtaugh, the former Miss Wootsen Davis, is with her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Childress and infant son returned home from Cairo, Ill., Sunday where Mrs. Childress and son have been since the birth of the child several weeks ago. Mrs. J. W. Stokely, mother of Mrs. Childress, accompanied them to Sikeston and will remain until this afternoon.

Mrs. E. C. Matthews entertained at a family dinner in her home Saturday evening. The guests were Mrs. Betty Matthews, Mrs. Chas. D. Matthews Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Matthews III, Mr. and Mrs. William Corrigan and Miss Margaret Corrigan of Poplar Bluff.

CHILD BROUGHT HOME

Wallace Minney, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Minney of Buffington, who was operated on recently at St. Francis Hospital for a ruptured appendix, was able to be returned in the Albritton ambulance to his home Sunday.

Semo Osteopaths In Session Here

About 35 Southeast Missouri Osteopaths and their wives were in Sikeston Sunday afternoon to attend a meeting of the Southeast Missouri Osteopathic Association held in the offices of Dr. H. E. Reuber. A business meeting preceeded a very interesting program. Several interesting lectures were given, as follows: "Varicose Veins and Ulcers," Dr. E. H. Loest of Oran; "Tulearemia" (rabbit fever), Dr. Masters of Advance; "Injection of Hernia", Dr. E. H. Gahan of Perryville.

After the professional meeting Mrs. E. C. Matthews entertained the group with a travel talk and pictures of her trip to India and the Mediterranean.

Lines From Life



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Campbells Tomato Soup 6 cans 38c
Cherries 3 No. 2 Cans 27c
Blue Plums No. 2½ Cans 10c
C. C. Milk 4 tall or 8 small 24c
2 Pound Box Wesco Crackers 13c
Fresh Side Pork lb. 9½c
Bulk Pork Sausage 3 lbs. 25c
Hickory Smoked Bacon Whole or Half Side lb. 13½c
LARD 50 Lb. Can $3.49 Bulk lb. 7c
Whiting Fish 3 lbs. 25c
Boiling Beef Lb. 10c
Bacon Squares Lb. 9c
Eatmore Oleo Lb. 9½c
Bananas Dozen 15c
Florida Oranges 288 size Each 1c
Navel Oranges 200 Size Doz. 19c
New Cabbage 3 lbs. 10c
Cauliflower Head 15c
Tangerines Dozen 15c
Sweet Potatoes 3 lbs. 10c
Texas Seedless Grrpefruit 10 for 25c